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PRIME MINISTER EXAMINES RUINS IN DEBATING CHAMBER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS: NEW ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE FOR NEXT MEETING

THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, ACCOMPANIED BY LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF STATE, and LORD REITH, MINISTER OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS AND FIRST COMMISSIONER OF WORKS, yesterday examined the ruins of the DEBATING CHAMBER of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, caused by the Nazi fire raid, states a Reuters message.

MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, and who will be responsible for the reconstruction of London after the war, was on the scene earlier in the day.

All that is left of the Debating Chamber is a mass of twisted iron girders and crumbling walls open to the skies.

The private rooms of the Ministers, including that of the Premier, were not damaged. The Speaker's Mace was also left intact, while the libraries of both Houses escaped.

BUT THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE LUFTWAFFE WILL NOT PREVENT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FROM MEETING ON THE NEXT APPOINTED DAY AS NEW ACCOMMODATION IS ALREADY AVAILABLE.

Home Guard Honoured

The HOME GUARD, formed just a year ago, will have the honour this week of mounting guard outside Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace.

This was revealed by MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, the B. E. C. news commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

Major Murray said that it was hardly believable that the Home Guard was only a year old. They were at work over the whole of the Island.

GALLANT ATTACK ON CONVOY

BAR TO D.F.C. AWARDED

LONDON, May 12 (British Wireless)—A gallant and successful attack on a large and strongly escorted enemy convoy last month, gains a bar to the D. F. C. for ACTING SQUADRON LEADER I. V. E. Atkinson.

Despite an intense anti-aircraft fire from the escorting vessels, he delivered an attack on the largest merchant vessel, securing two direct hits on the stern of the ship.

The formation he was leading completed a decisive action in which three or four ships were set on fire, one left sinking.

Sq-Leader Atkinson served as a bombardier in the Canadian Artillery Militia from 1930 to 1932.

A bar to the D. F. M. goes to SERGEANT C. F. RAWNSLEY who, as wireless operator, has assisted his pilot in the destruction of at least seven enemy aircraft.

London Still Fighting Fit

"London starts this week like a prize-fighter—battered, with a few more teeth gone, but still fighting fit," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.E.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

Maj. Murray remarked that the Germans had stated that they sent over hundreds of bombers but they did not say that they had lost 33 on Saturday night. With eight more destroyed on Sunday night, the total German losses were 132 for May alone.

This, continued Maj. Murray, was a pretty serious inroad on Germany's trained night pilots. Owing to the magnitude of the organisation necessary for large-scale attacks these intensive attacks were only occasional other-wise presumably the Germans would have attacked again before London had time to recover.

RECORD SUCCESSES

The Germans took advantage of the full moon on Saturday night and so did we—with record successes.

The raids by the R.A.F. on Germany continue on a mounting scale. The morale of Londoners had not been shaken under the worst conditions. The intensiveness of the British raids had cheered the people, coupled with the arrival of more bombers from America.

When the Germans bleated about our raids, concluded Maj. Murray, we knew we were not indulging in wishful thinking.

VIVID DESCRIPTION OF LONDON "BLITZ NIGHT" BY HOWARD MARSHALL

A vivid description of what he called "a Blitz night in London" was given by MR. HOWARD MARSHALL, B. E. C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on last Saturday's raid on London.

Mr. Marshall, in giving his own personal experience during the raid, mentioned some of the queer incidents that had taken place.

MAJOR VYVYAN ADAMS, M.P., found, among the ruins, a cabinet containing the signatures of Gladstone and Disraeli.

ENEMY LOSSES
LONDON, May 12 (BWS)—With the destruction of eight enemy aircraft during last night's attacks on Britain, the number of enemy night bomber losses during May has risen to 132.

Reuters adds that an additional bomber is now known to have been destroyed by A. A. fire over England.



land last night making a total of eight, four by night fighters and four by anti-aircraft.

A further five were brought down before dark.

VERY WIDESPREAD
LONDON, May 12 (Reuters)—An Air Ministry communique states that enemy activity during the night was widespread.

"I had just got into bed when the sirens went," he said. "I shoved on some old clothes, put on my tin hat and went on the roof to do a bit of fire spotting. London lay very clear beneath, with the roof tops stretching away into the distance."

"We listened very carefully to see what kind of a raid it was going to be. You can easily tell because if there is a long interval between the siren you may be sure that the raid is going to be a big one."

"Then we heard the increasing drone of the planes as they came over in waves, and the rattle of machine-guns."

REMARKABLE OLD LADY
"I had two companions—one was an elderly man and the other was a remarkable old lady of 76 who

'Grim And Gay' Temper

LONDON, May 12 (British Wireless)—Deeply stirred by the wanton destruction, Londoners are, however, accepting the situation calmly and with dignity. The people's demeanour is reflected in the entire Press.

"Further attempt at terrorisation," says THE TIMES "was met again with indomitable courage and a resolution which knows no wavering—a resolution now fed from a spring of deep indignation and ever hardening conviction of what is staked upon victory over the enemies of civilisation."

The Times pays special tribute to the fire-fighters who "impervious to fear inured against weariness, worked with a resolute will that is a source of unyielding strength."

"Here was another exhibition of the spirit of national defence—before national defence—the defence of the people by the people—the defence of city, home and freedom."

EQUAL TO NEEDS
The DAILY TELEGRAPH stresses the striking way in which the mechanism of the public services of the whole Metropolitan area is equal to emergency needs.

"Frightfulness will not readily admit defeat and will develop every form of horror it can invent, but the past assures us that it will be always baffled by 'grim and gay' British temper and our national capacity for meeting the need of the hour."

General satisfaction meanwhile, is felt at the destruction of 30 raiders on Saturday night and it is keenly appreciated that to fly over our cities in moonlight is an increasingly hazardous venture for the enemy.

"In the raid on London during 'full moon,'" says the Telegraph, "which was advertised by Berlin as a colossal effort by some 500 bombers, the Luftwaffe lost only six."

It is also appreciated that the growing might of the R.A.F. is enabling Britain to strike back with deadly blows.

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SITUATION IN IRAQ UNCHANGED



New-War Front in Iraq

150 British Women And Children Evacuees Arrive In Bombay

LONDON, May 12 (Reuters)—It is stated in Bombay that most of the British women and children evacuated from Iraq have arrived there safely. They comprise 80 women and 70 children, mostly very young.

There has been no change in the situation in Iraq since the occupation of Rutbah by British armoured cars.

DELHI, May 12 (Reuters)—A prominent Indian Muslim, in a statement today, drew attention to the fact that Rashid Ali's coup in Iraq was regarded with strong disapproval by the Muslim countries, especially by the signatories of the Middle Eastern Pact of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. The Pact was signed on July 8, 1937, and the speaker congratulated the British Government for their prompt action against Rashid and declared the despatch of troops to Iraq was legitimate under the terms of the Treaty.

China's And America's Common Interests And Responsibilities

CHUNGKING, May 12 (Central)—GENERALISSIMO and MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK gave a farewell dinner in honour of MR. NELSON T. JOHNSON, the outgoing American Ambassador to China, at the National Military Council headquarters yesterday evening. The entire staff of the American Embassy was invited.

Chinese officials present included Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan, Mr. Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, General Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War, and Chief of General Staff, General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Wu Te-chen, Secretary-General of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, General Chan Chai-long, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, and Dr. K. C. Wu, Mayor of Chungking.

FAREWELL SPEECH

In a farewell speech Generalissimo Chiang expressed his sorrowing sentiments at Mr. Johnson's imminent departure, recalling his 33 long years' stay in China and his long association with the National Government and the Chinese people.

Turning to Sino-American relations, Generalissimo Chiang said: "China and the United States have common interests and responsibilities of upholding peace and justice in the Pacific. Both the Chinese and Americans honour their pledge, love peace and have similar fundamental national principles. The Three People's Principles."

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CONFERENCE OF AIRCRAFT EXPERTS

Broadcasting from London last night, MAJ. ALLEN MURRAY, B.E.C. commentator, said that the conference of aircraft experts held on Sunday was most interesting.

Examination of various aircraft revealed that British and American production had been standardised.

With two countries producing planes of a similar type there was always the danger of muddling in differences of design but the liaison between Britain and the United States was so close now that this danger had been eradicated.

USE OF FOREIGN VESSELS

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuters)—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a letter to the Senate Commerce Committee, urges there shall be no restrictions on the use of foreign ships taken over by the United States.

Rear-Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, in his testimony before the Committee last week, just published, said the Government planned to use these ships to carry supplies to Britain through "black-out areas" under their own flag.

Although these areas were not defined, it was indicated by the trend of questions that Admiral Land referred to combat areas under the United States Neutrality Law.

Soviet-Iraq Relations

MOSCOW, May 12 (Reuters)—The establishment of diplomatic relations with IRAQ by the SOVIET UNION was announced by the Tass Agency.

The Agency says that this follows the proposal by the Iraq Government on May 3, which was received via the Soviet Embassy in Ankara.

It is stated that at the end of 1940, the Iraq Government through the medium of the Minister in Turkey "repeatedly proposed to the Government of the U. S. S. R. that it should establish diplomatic relations with Iraq" but only conditional on the Soviet declaration regarding the Arabian countries, but the Soviet was not willing.

The Iraq Government again made this proposal without any conditions and the Soviet accepted.

Today's News Summary

ALL THAT IS left of the Debating Chamber, scene of many historic speeches by Britain's statesmen in the House of Commons, is a mass of ruins. Mr. Churchill, accompanied by Lord Reith and Lord Beaverbrook, saw the ruins yesterday. But new accommodation is already available for the next meeting of the Commons which will meet on the day appointed, as usual.

WITH EIGHT PLANES shot down on Sunday night, the German night bomber losses for May alone total 132. The fire raid on London was taken by the populace with calm and dignity and the Press pay high tribute to the work of the fire-fighters.

MR. NELSON T. JOHNSON, the retiring American Ambassador to China who is going to Australia, was the guest of honour at a farewell dinner given by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking. Mr. Clarence Gauss, the new Ambassador, is due to arrive in Hongkong soon on his way to China's war-time capital.

THE UNITED STATES Secretary of State has urged that no restrictions be placed on foreign ships seized by the American Government.

THE SITUATION IN IRAQ remains unchanged. British women and children, evacuated from Iraq, have arrived safely at Bombay. They number about 150.



In the World of Sports



C. G. SILVA FULLY EXTENDED BY MADAR AT COX'S PATH

Prison Officers' Club Score Decisive Win Over Kowloon C.C.: Indians Beat H.K.C.C.

BY "L. G."

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LEAGUE BOWLS PROGRAMME LAST SATURDAY WERE THE MAXIMUM FIVE POINTS scored by Recriolo "A" Craigengower and Hongkong Cricket Club over their respective opponents. The Prison Officers, last year's Third Division champions, continued in winning vein, beating the fairly strong Kowloon C.C. second string decisively at Stanley.

To prove that their victory over the demoted Police team in the Third Division the week before was no flash in the pan, the Indian R.C. brought off another win. Their victim on Saturday was the Hongkong Football Club whom they beat by the narrowest margin in spite of being down on two rinks. The man who saved the day for the Indians was S.M. (Sambo) Rumlahn whose ten shot win over P. C. Morgan enabled his team to scramble home by the shortest of noses.

As compared with the previous Saturday's only one seven (scored) by Bob Duncan against B. Basto, three sevens were registered last week, credit for them going to B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.) Carlos Silva (Recriolo "A") in the First Division and C. G. Silva and the Prison Officers in the Second.

CARLOS SILVA EXTENDED

Visiting Kowloon C.C., Recriolo won by 14 shots. All their skips were successful. R. F. Luz and X. X. Spuggy Silva had matters very much their own way against Teddy Fincher and J. Fraser respectively and won quite comfortably, both skips winning by a margin of six shots each.

In spite of a 20-6 lead at the 13th head, Carlos Silva's rink were only two shots up at the end of the game. This was due to Tommy Madar making a great effort to stave off defeat towards the latter part of the game, but he just failed to do it.

33-SHOT VICTORY

The biggest margin of win last Saturday was Craigengower's 33 shot victory over Kowloon Docks at the Valley. All C.C.C. skips won. B. W. Bradbury was 2-6 down to J. Kempton at the 9th head, but a seven, a five and a brace of fours, saw him forging ahead to a 33-19 win over his opponent.

Charlie Rosset had the credit of the biggest rink win in the C.C.C. camp. He beat T. Coleman, who was allowed to score on only six heads, by 29-9.

SLIGHT EDGE

Kowloon Bowling Green "A" team had only a slight edge over their "B" team, the former winning by the comparatively narrow margin of six shots.

For the second week in succession Bob Duncan was again the only winning skip for the "B" team which has now scored two points under the new system of scoring solely as the result of his two rink wins, against B. Basto the Saturday before and against H. Sheriff last week.

SECOND DIVISION

No team in the Second Division scored maximum points last week, the nearest being both Kowloon Tong's and Craigengower's 44 points each against Recriolo and Hongkong Football Club respectively.

Kowloon Tong beat Recriolo at home by 27 shots; they won on two rinks and drew on the third. "Hope" Kew with the help of a five and three thirds was never in danger of losing his game against J. A. Remedios whom he eventually beat by the fairly large margin of 16 shots. J. L. Stevens was 11 shots to the good against J. R. Soares and W. J. Howard tied the score at 21-all against O. P. Remedios, thanks to a four on the last head.

Playing against their neighbours, the Hongkong Football Club, in an away match, Craigengower won by 13 shots and scored 44 points; W. H. Randall and Tommy Lock won for the visitors, but M. J. Medina and W. MacFarlane shared the point as the result of their tie.

The biggest rink win for the afternoon went to the credit of W. V. Field who beat J. A. Watson in the Kowloon R.C. Kowloon Football Club Second Division match at Tai-koo.

LADIES' DAY AT SKATING RINK

A "Ladies Day" will be held at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Mongkok, on Thursday when all ladies will be welcome free of charge. They can also skate free provided they bring their own skates.

There will be a hockey encounter between the Middlesex Regiment (Corporals and Sergeants) and the hosts for a silver shield. Basketball tournament on roller skates, sponsored by the Skating Rink, open to schools and organisations, will be held on June 14, when teams will compete for a large silver cup donated by the Kim Shing Company.

Entries close on June 10. The tournament will be managed and supervised by Mr. K. C. Cheng and Mr. M. P. Tam, respectively, while Mr. E. B. Nanak is the organiser.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

WATER-POLO.—Meeting to arrange fixtures and discuss details of Tournament under auspices of European Y.M.C.A. (West Lounge, Y.M.C.A.) 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL.—Council Meeting of Hongkong Football Association (Association's Office) 5.30 p.m.
SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. First Gala ("Y" pool) 9 p.m.
TENNIS.—Entries close for European Y.M.C.A. Tennis Handicap Singles (6 p.m.).

Y.M.C.A. GALA

The European Y.M.C.A. will open their swimming season tomorrow night when they will hold their first gala at 9 p.m.

A programme of eight events has been arranged. There will also be a friendly water-polo match between the home team and Middlesex.

WOMAN TAKES OFF CLOTHES

Following a recent report of a woman stripping off her clothes at Kennedy Town a similar act was performed in the Central district on Sunday morning at the junction of Des Voeux Road Central and Ice House Street.

A well-dressed young Chinese woman, after discarding her clothes approached the first man who hurried a torrent of abuse and accused him of desertion.

She was eventually persuaded by a woman to put on her clothes and was led away.

DIVORCE PETITION ADJOURNED

Hearing of a petition for divorce, on the ground of adultery, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday when a further adjournment to this morning was granted as his Lordship was not satisfied as to the question of domicile.

The petitioner was Maria Fernandez Ribeiro Cabral de Carvalho and the respondent was Eduardo Henrique Cabral de Carvalho. Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, represented the petitioner, while the respondent was neither present nor was he represented.

CHUNGKING EXODUS ORDERED BY GOVT.

CHUNGKING, May 12 (Central).—In view of repeated Japanese air raids since the arrival of the May bombing season the Chungking government authorities have again ordered people whose presence in the wartime capital is non-essential to leave immediately. The police and gendarmes have been instructed to make a house-to-house check-up and order those without domicile permits to evacuate by the next boat or bus.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHY



Miss Joan Armstrong presenting the Double's trophy to Tsui Wai-pui after the final on Friday. Tsui Wai-pui is next to his brother. (Sun Ying Ming).

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.—

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$700.918.05.
Miss Grace Ezra (Monthly), \$15; Y. A. Hak, 10; Hongkong Rifle Association (Shoot in aid of the British Red Cross on Sunday, May 4, 1941), 70; Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient, 500; E. D. Sassoon Banking Co. Ltd., 100; J. S. Dunnett (Monthly), 20; Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Miss Silas, 1; Sale of 2 C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. Mackintosh, 2; Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. Ubahs, 1; Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. Edmondston, 1; Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. Larsen, 1; Sale of Postal Labels, 40; L.E.N. Ryan (Monthly), 15; D. G. Day (Monthly), 20; A. M. Kennedy (Monthly), 30. Total, \$701.804.45.

H.K.E.R.C. RINKS

The following have been selected to represent H.K. Electric in the Lawn Bowls League match against the Police Recreation Club on Saturday.—W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron, L. de Roma (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, A. G. Gardner, A. F. Paul (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, J. K. Sloan (skip).

CONDITIONS ON HAINAN ISLAND TOLD

Conditions on Hainan Island, China's largest insular possession south of Kwangtung, which is about the size of Switzerland with over 4,000,000 inhabitants, since its occupation by the Japanese in February, 1939, were recounted by MR. FENG WEI-HSIEN, Hainan Island member of the Kwangtung Provincial People's Political Council, who arrived in Hongkong recently.

While the coastal regions on the island were successively occupied by the Japanese after their landing in Kungchow, Hainan's capital, on February 10, 1939, Mr. Feng said, the vast, mountainous and jungle-covered interior still remains in Chinese hands.

There, the main Chinese forces under Garrison Commander Wu's I have withdrawn, and later with the arrival of General Wu Tao-nan, Political Commissioner and currently Commander of Peace Preservation, and General Wen Nai-wu, Deputy Commander, have established their base of guerrilla warfare against the invaders.

For the past two years, the Chinese partisans have played many a hide-and-seek game with the Japanese, exacting a heavy toll of lives from them. Japanese "mopping-up" operations have thus far proved ineffective and futile. With the exception of bombing raids and sporadic attacks with small units, the Japanese now seldom stage large-scale offensive against the Chinese.

BUILDING BASES

Apparently in preparation for their much-heralded southward expansion, the Japanese have lately been busy building naval bases, fortresses, oil depots and airfields along the coast. More than 50,000 men have been massed there to undergo rigorous training under tropical conditions.

Much progress in political administration in Hainan following the arrival of General Wu Tao-nan was seen by Mr. Feng. A thoroughgoing reform of the local govern-

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB TO PUBLISH MAGAZINE

Remarkable Progress Made In Junior Tournament

CHESS PLAYERS IN THE COLONY ARE SOON TO HAVE THEIR OWN CHESS MAGAZINE. It will be a 52-page booklet, edited by Mr. Karel Weiss, who is receiving the enthusiastic support of a number of leading local chess players.

The first issue will boast among its contributors several important names in the local chess world, and the annotated games to be published will be representative of some of the best plays seen locally in the past few years.

Players to be represented in this collection of published games will be Sir Henry Pollock, C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, L. Karpovich, K. M. A. Barnett, Sgt. V. Rush, E. Zimmern, K. Weiss, G. S. Coxhead and others.

Topical articles on the game, locally written, are coming in steadily and the editorial committee consisting of Messrs. K. Weiss, A. Kurrik, C. M. Sequeira and V. V. Kolatchoff, will have a fair selection of these to choose from for the first issue.

MASTER GAMES

About a half-dozen master games will be included in the magazine, these to represent the best games of Dr. Emanuel Lasker, Dr. M. Euwe, R. Reti and other Continental masters, specially selected for their originality or a novel line of play they introduced.

It is also intended to publish some games from other centres of chess in the Far East, and it is hoped that these will be forthcoming from Shanghai, Manila, Singapore, Batavia and elsewhere.

The magazine will probably be a bi-annual affair, though if it meets with adequate support from the local chess public, it may be possible to have more than two issues per year. A meeting of the Committee of the Kowloon Chess Club recently approved its publication and elected the editorial committee.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

With the Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament in its closing weeks, discussion has commenced on the possibility of a summer practice tournament for

members of the Kowloon Chess Club.

This will probably start in the first week of June and sections will be determined by the number of entries received. The Tournament, it is believed, will not receive the same support as the Club Championships, which commence in September, but will serve as a good chance for new players to put in some practice.

Some two or three players from the Colony Senior Championship and a minimum of six from the Junior Championship will compete in the Summer Tournament and several newcomers have indicated that they will enter. Probably, some 15 players in all will take the field, in which case it will be necessary to have two divisions.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The past week saw some remarkable progress in the Colony Junior Championship, and the number of completed games now adds up to 53. There remain to be played 25 games a good number of which, it is hoped, will be played this Tuesday and Thursday when the Kowloon Chess Club meets at the Peninsula Hotel.

TABLE TO DATE

	F	W	D	L	Pts
A. Y. Biriukoff	9	7	1	1	74
A. Kurrik	11	5	3	3	84
Un Kwai-yung	9	6	0	3	6
To Yu-lau	7	5	0	2	5
J. Tausz	8	5	0	3	5
R. C. Danenberg	8	4	2	2	5
J. Grafalda	9	4	2	3	5
V. V. Kolatchoff	9	3	2	4	34
E. M. Petrov	8	3	1	4	34
Wm. Lee	9	3	0	6	3
R. C. Gardner	5	1	0	4	1
J.H. d'Almeida	9	1	0	8	1
A. Morton	5	0	1	4	4

ADAMSON CUP

The Adamson Cup competition (May qualifying round) of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club played at Happy Valley resulted in a tie between J. M. Thomson (77-8=68) and M. A. Cairns (86-18=68).

CHINESE COUPLE



Mr. Ko Tsok-youn and his bride, formerly Miss Lee Sul-youn. (King's Studio).

FIVE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—

Mr. Ma Sum-chai, shroff, of No. 198 Hennessy Road, third floor, and Miss Leung Pui-ying, of No. 85 Bonham Road, ground floor;

Mr. Au Wing-ip, salesman, of No. 2 Elgin Street, and Miss Hui Siu-wan, of No. 12 Ching Lin Terrace;

Mr. Alejandro Sanchez Tam, student, of No. 50 Elgin Street, first floor, and Miss Ruth Ma, student, of No. 6 King's Terrace, third floor;

Mr. Chan Shin, clerk, of No. 7A Yen Chow Street, first floor, and Miss Kwan Chui-po, of No. 35 Wongneichong Road;

Mr. Fung King-tong, broker, of No. 185 Johnston Road, and Miss Lo Sau-ye, of No. 125 Fa Yuen Street.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. Wong Tong-leung, merchant, of No. 11 Shelley Street, and Miss Ho Pik-chun, of the same address, was announced yesterday.

POLICE REPORTS

Dr. T. N. Wong, residing at No. 244, Nathan Road, first floor, has reported the theft of money and jewellery to the total value of \$139, on Sunday.

Mr. B. J. L. Rapley, of No. 32, Mody Road, has reported that, on Sunday, while driving along Castle Peak Road, he knocked down a 14-year-old girl, Ho Man-hoi, near Tsun Wan.

The girl was treated at the hospital but was not detained.



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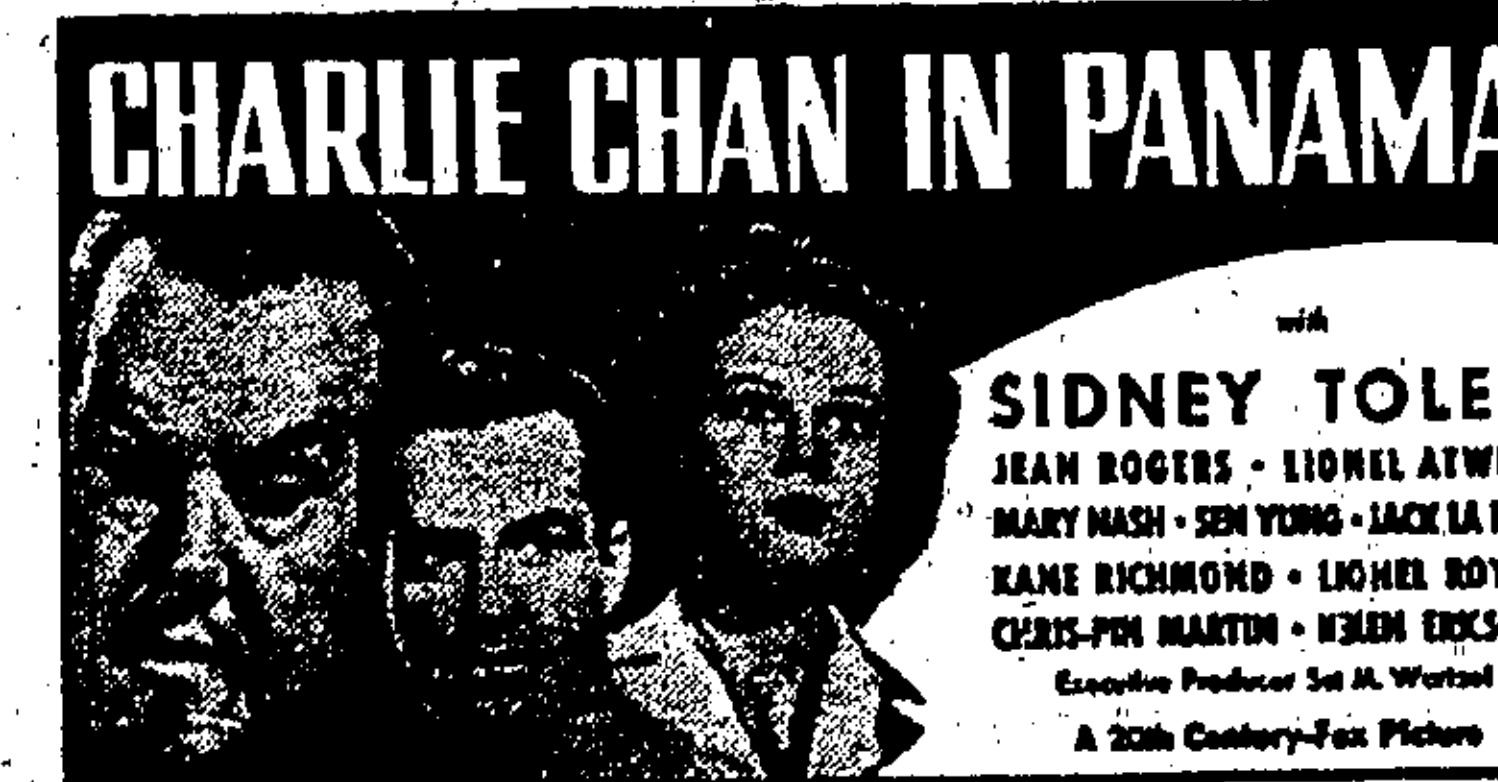
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MOTHERS' DAY

KWELIANG, May 12 (Central)—Women circles in Kweliang observed Mothers' Day yesterday.
A meeting in celebration of the occasion was held jointly by the different women organizations in the afternoon when speeches emphasizing the importance of Mothers' Day were delivered. Amusements were held and gifts were distributed to the families of soldiers fighting at the front.

WELCOME TO GAUSS

Americans in Shanghai are making preparations to welcome Mr. Clarence G. Gauss, new American Ambassador to China, who is expected to arrive in the port city next week, according to a Shanghai dispatch.
Mr. Gauss who was formerly American Consul-General in Shanghai, has many friends there. His arrival in his new capacity at this juncture is eagerly awaited by his nationals.—(Central News).

COMING EVENTS

MAY
13—Tides: High 10.18 p.m. Low: 3.52 a.m. and 5.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.55 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club (Closed Meeting).
1 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Prayer and Fellowship Meeting, S. & S. House, 8.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Chinese Medical Association meeting, Chinese Merchants' Club, China Bldg., 8.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Meeting re Water-Polo Tournament, 6 p.m.
14—Tides: High 12.07 a.m. and 10.57 p.m. Low: 4.21 a.m. and 6.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.55 p.m.
Ladies Working Party, Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
H.K.F.A. Council Meeting, Association's Offices, 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Chamber Music Club concert, Govt. House, 9.15 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Fellowship Choral Evening, 8.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.
Y.M.C.A. First Swimming Gala, 9 p.m.
Entries close for Y.M.C.A. Tennis Tournament, 6 p.m.
15—Tides: High 1.08 a.m. and 11.42 p.m. Low: 5.03 a.m. and 6.58 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.43 a.m.; Sunset: 6.56 p.m.
Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, 8.30 p.m.
16—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 12.23 p.m. Low: 5.39 a.m. and 7.54 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.43 a.m.; Sunset: 6.56 p.m.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. C. I. Gallot due.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. R. M. McLay due.
Annual Meeting of China Emporium, Ltd., Queen's Road Central, 4 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "Lighter Shades in Education," 8 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, D.O. South 11 a.m.
17—Tides: High 3.19 a.m. and 1.22 p.m. Low: 6.24 a.m. and 8.55 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.55 p.m.
H.K. and Yau Ma Tei Ferry Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, Company's Offices, Jordan Road, Ferry Pier, 11 a.m.
Far East Flying Training School Students' Union Graduation, Tea Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
p.m. Low: 7.31 a.m. and 8.57 p.m.

BOB CROSBY AT KING'S THEATRE

LET'S MAKE MUSIC

"Let's Make Music," long awaited with interest by his many fans from coast to coast, presents Bob Crosby, nationally famous maestro of swing, in his cinematic bow at the King's Theatre today. Also appearing in the picture are Crosby's popular "Bobcats" and "Boblinks," as well as the rest of the Dixieland Band.

Lovely Jean Rogers, in the romantic lead, and Elisabeth Risdon, beloved character actress, Joseph Buloff and Joyce Compton head the supporting cast in this sparkling comedy which divides its locale between Newton, a small, upstate town, and New York City.

Definitely woven throughout the amusing action are various musical renditions by Crosby's clever band. Two brand new romantic ballads are offered. "And You Forget About Me," by James Hanley, Dick Robertson and Sammy Mysels and "Central Park," by Matty Malneck and Johnny Mercer. One of the big production numbers features Crosby's novelty tune, "Big Noise from Winnetka."

In prominent supporting roles are Bessie Bartlett, Louis Jean Heydt and Bill Goodwin, popular radio announcer. Leslie Goodwins directed "Let's Make Music," which was produced for RKO by Howard Benedict from a screen play by Nathaniel West. Lee Marcus was Executive Producer.

HARVARD COLLEGE TRICENTENARY FILM TO BE SHOWN HERE

A film showing the Tricentenary Celebration of the founding of Harvard College in Cambridge will shortly be brought here for a private showing to Harvard men in Hongkong and their friends.

Arrangements for the occasion are being formulated by a Committee composed of Dr. J. Hong Liu, of the Union Drug Company, and Mr. W. W. Hoffman of the American Consulate-General. It is reported that there may be a dinner party during which a Harvard Club of Hongkong may be inaugurated. It is requested that all Harvard men in Hongkong send their names and addresses to either Member of the Committee so that notices may be sent to them.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Dance Music by Roy Fox and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—It's Got to be Love ("On your Toes"); Cowboy Waltzes—My First Love Song (film "Queen of Hearts"); Would You (film "San Francisco"); Fox-Trots—When the Sun Says "Goodnight" to the Mountain; I'll Sing You a Thousand Love Songs (film "Gala and Mabel"); Slow Fox-Trot—Sweet Lullaby (film "Walkie Wedding"); Fox-Trot—Love and Learn (film "That Girl from Paris"); Fox-Trot—If I Should Lose You (film "Rose of the Rancho").

1.00 Local Time Signal.
1.01 Songs by Raquel Meller.

Clavelito Del Genil (Romero); Flor Del Mal (Padilla—Montesinos); Gitana, Gitana (Prado and Romero)—with Orchestra.

1.11 Bizet-Jeux d'Enfants—Ballet Suite.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

Idylle Bretonne (J. Gennin); Crocus Time—Serenade for Strings (De La Riviere); Echoes of the Valley (J. Gennin); The Merry Brothers (J. Gennin); Oriental Dance—Novelty Duet (C. White); Carlsbad Doll Dance (L. Pleier); The Two Inns (K. J. Alford); Dancer of Seville (C. Grunow) conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

2.15 Close Down.
2.45 Indian Programme.

3.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.22 Half an Hour with Massenet.

"Maison"—Fantasia—Marek Weber and his Orchestra. "Sapho"—Air de Jean-Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra. "Thais"—Meditation—Bostan Promenade Orchestra. "Thais"—Tell me I am Beautiful—Maryse Beaumont (Soprano) with Orchestra. Scenes Pittoresques—Fetes Bohemes—The London Palladium Orch. "Werther"—Pourquoi me Revenir?—Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An Hour of Classical Requests.

Etude in F Minor (Liszt)—Simon Baser (Piano). Jeanne d'Arc—Farewell, Ye Mountains (Tchaikovsky). Maria Jeriza (Soprano) with Orch. Incidental Music to "Mary Rose" (O'Neill)—New Light Symphony Orch. O Gladsome Light (Sullivan)—The B.B.C. Wireless Chorus. Rustle of

Spring (Sinding)—William Murdoch (Piano). Valse Triste—Kuoilema (Sibelius)—Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Fantasiestücke Op. 12 (Schumann)—Yves Nat (Piano). Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel)—Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. 2nd Movement Symphony No. 6 in F Major Op. 68: "Pastoral"—(Beethoven); Andante molto mosso—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World" No. 3: "Prayer and its Answer."

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.50 Elgar—Froissart Overture Op. 18.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar Bart O.M., K.C.V.O.

9.45—10.00 News in French (or Short Wave Only).

9.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

"Me and My Girl"—Vocal Selections—Wallace Lupino, Lupino Lane, Teddie St. Denis and Chorus with Orch. Home and Beauty—Selection—Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

10.00 Dance Music w. Vocal Variety.

Fox-Trots—Copenhagen; Scitly, a in a Morning Sunrise (from "New Moon")—Artie Shaw and his Orchestra. Tango—Summer evening in Santa Cruz; Slow Fox-Trot—The moon remembered, but you forget (from Let's be famous)—Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody—Vocal—America, I love You (Leslie-Gottier); Dear Old Pal of Mine (Robe-Gitz-Rice)—Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Flea on a Spruce—Teddy Powell and his Orchestra. Blues—The Ghost of Smoky Joe; Fox-Trot—Floodgate Walk (both from "Cotton Club Parade")—The Six Swingers with vocal Chorus.

Vocal—No Souvenirs (Boyd); This Can't be Love (from "Up and Doing")—Adelaide Hall with Instrumental Accomp. Slow Fox-Trots—Moonlight and Mimosa; When I Dream of Home—Joe Loss and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—I've Got no Strings (from "Pinocchio")—Bob Chester and his Orchestra. Vocal—Sweet Little Sweetheart (McIntire and Alligier); Love Lies (Sigmund and others)—Turner Layton and his piano. Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills; Cuban Romeo—Ambrose and his Orchestra. Waltz—Don't Ever Pass Me By—Jack Payne and his Band.

11.00 Close Down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission	I—News Summary	Full Bulletin
4.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.
Transmission	V—News Summary	Full Bulletin
6.45 p.m.	6.45 p.m.	7.00 p.m.
9.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
12.00 mid.	12.00 mid.	12.00 mid.
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Trans. II & III—News Summary	7.30 a.m.	8.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.	

DANCE HALLS' PROGRAMME

Detroit's dance halls, which fell afoul the law on charges of immorality and underpaying the taxi dancers, have had a 12-point regulatory programme laid down by a new city ordinance. Policewomen had charged that the girls were leaving the halls with customers, that spots were dimly lit and there was drinking on the premises. The new ordinance, termed a model one by Mayor Jeffries, provides:

No drinking or immoral dancing.
No employment of taxi dancers under 21.

Recording with the Police department the names of all dancers hired.

Employment of a mature woman to chaperone and supervise the dancers.

Setting aside a prescribed place where the taxi dancers will sit between numbers.

Minimum pay of \$2 a night. (Girls must get as a minimum 45 per cent. of their fees.)

No dance to last less than 2½ minutes.

NO BARKERS
No sidewalk barkers to advertise the dance places and the number of dancing hostesses.

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THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE

"The Boys From Syracuse" opera today at the Majestic Theatre and is full of tuneful music, fast-moving direction and all-round production class.

The story is one of domestic mix-ups arising from double identity. Allan Jones has a dual role as twin brothers, one an overbearing Greek general and the other a romantic, golden-voiced lad from Syracuse (Greece). He has twin slaves, both played by Joe Penner. Martha Raye is married to one of the Penner twins. Irene Hervey is married to one of the Jones twins and Rosemary Lane becomes the sweetheart of the other.

Cast honours are divided among nine players, prominent among them an Allan Jones who shows more versatility than in any other performance of his career.

Romantic assignments opposite the two Jones twins are attractively and capably handled by Rosemary Lane and Irene Hervey.

New comedy vistas open for Martha Raye and Joe Penner, also given the most versatile roles of their respective careers.

premises of the dance halls.

In letting the taxi halls go under these rules, Mayor Jeffries warned, "Remember, you are operating, a borderline business. Any monkey business and you are through."

Policewomen had advised the mayor that there had been plenty of shady business going on in four of the main spots.

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Houses Of Parliament And Westminster Abbey Damaged In "Reprisal" Attack On Metropolis

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — It was disclosed last night that the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the British Museum were damaged in Saturday night's fire raid on London.

The world-famed clock, "Big Ben," whose chiming have been heard in all corners of the earth through the B. B. C., was also hit. High explosives and incendiaries fell on all three places, while Westminster Abbey, opposite, was also set on fire.

ITALIANS AT BAY IN AMBA ALAGI

Fall Of Fortress Is Believed Inevitable

NAIROBI, May 12 (Reuter) — While a strong South African and Patriot force is marching from the south on Amba Alagi, 9,000-foot high natural fortress in northern Abyssinia, where some 30,000 Italians are estimated to be at bay, British troops slowly but surely are closing in on them from the north.

The British forces are preparing for a determined attack on the fortress, the fall of which is inevitable.

Operations are taking place in the rarified mountain atmosphere in this region, which demands great stamina and endurance on the part of the attacking force.

Indians engaged in an attack on an outlying hill, saw white flags appear on its summit.

Advancing to accept the surrender of the height they were allowed to approach within grenade range, when the Italians hurled scores of bombs, causing some casualties among the Indians.

But the Indians continued to advance and successfully took the hill.

CHURCHILL THANKED

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter) — Emperor Haile Selassie has sent a message to Mr. Churchill expressing gratitude and sympathy at the kindness shown to him by the British armed forces.

Haile Selassie said he was determined to see Ethiopia contribute further to the victory and he asked Mr. Churchill to thank the British forces for the successful Abyssinian campaign.

Mr. Churchill replied expressing the deep and universal satisfaction with which the people of Britain and the Empire heard of the return of the Emperor to his capital.

Big Japanese Drive In Shansi

CHUNGKING, May 12 (Reuter) — Field dispatches from southern Shansi Province reveal heavy fighting on the north bank of the Yellow River where large Japanese forces are launching a big drive in several columns on Chinese forces holding out in the Chungtao Mountains.

Much importance is attached to the outcome of the battle since the Japanese are apparently making a determined attempt to oust the Chinese from the mountains, thereby dominating the north bank of the Yellow River which would enable the Japanese either to march westward towards Sian, capital of Shansi Province, or push southwards across the river to cut the Lunghai Railway in the vicinity of Loyang.

It is learned that in addition large Chinese forces are concentrated within the Chungtao Mountains.

Chinese forces are also stationed on the south bank of the Yellow River to meet any eventuality.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

SHANGHAI, May 12 (Reuter) — Mr. Clarence Gauss, newly-appointed United States Ambassador to Chungking arrived here this morning on board the President Garfield.

Mr. Gauss was said to have told Japanese newsmen that military and Government officials of the Philippines, Australia, the N.E.I., Burma and Chungking will meet in Singapore soon for an important conference.

He added, however, he did not know whether he would attend it.

INTERVIEWED BY ROOSEVELT



The man who gives the BBC's American Commentary is also the man who once had a five-minute interview with President Roosevelt—and stayed for three-quarters of an hour while the President did the interviewing. F.D.R. wanted to learn about England, and also to get his interlocutor's views on the New Deal.

That man is Professor A. Newell, who was born in Boston in 1885, into a family that had been settled there ever since 1634, when the founder of the family left Bristol in a ship's company of Merchant Adventurers.

Arthur Newell himself was educated at Brown and Harvard Universities and early developed an interest in international relations. In 1926 he accepted the Chair in that subject at the American University at Constantinople—now Istanbul. There he met and married an Englishwoman, Daisy Ree Ames, a Somerset woman who had been educated at Roedean, South Africa.

NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

Fighting Continues In Heat Wave

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter) — It is practically unknown in the military history of Egypt for campaigns to be conducted during the months of May, June and July, and even August.

A heat record was set up on Saturday in North Africa of from 118 to 122 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tough limits are imposed by the heat, the British troops are continuing to harass the enemy.

A large party of Italians working near the perimeter of the Tobruk area under the protection of armoured fighting vehicles were attacked by British troops and Bren-gun carriers.

Before the Italian armoured vehicles could start their engines their working party had been machine-gunned and numbers killed, wounded and taken prisoner.

The morale of the Italians in Abyssinia is greatly affected by the constant strafing and the activity of Patriot forces.

Churchman & War Aim

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — The Archbishop of Canterbury, addressing the second sword of the Spirit meeting yesterday, said: "The first aim of this tremendous war we are now engaged in is the destruction of this powerful and evil force and the liberation of nations which are now held in bondage."

"It is unthinkable that after the war men should not set themselves to conceive an order of civilisation better than that which is now being destroyed before their eyes."

"We cannot and dare not wait until the war is over. It will help us in the immediate struggle if we can see beyond the distress and darkness some promise of the coming of a better day."

It was plain that men had lost their way and they had trusted in themselves and neglected God, and the wrong use of science had subordinated man to the machine.

SHIUKWAN EXODUS

SEIUKWAN, May 12 (Central) — Compulsory evacuation of civilians, whose presence is non-essential to avoid unnecessary loss of lives is being enforced by the authorities here following repeated Japanese bombings recently. The city's entire police and garrison forces have been mobilised for this purpose.

Hamburg Docks Hammered In Fierce R.A.F. Attacks

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — The attack on Hamburg on Saturday night was as effective as it was fierce, states the Air Ministry news service, and bomber pilots report damage throughout the city.

Under a clear sky and full moon, which showed up the ground in detail, the R.A.F. swept through a barrage to drop load after heavy load of high explosives and incendiaries.

Once again the industrial quarters and the whole spread of the docks were hammered and left blazing.

Under a storm of incendiaries more and more fires came to life elsewhere in the city.

Industrial plants and factories were easy targets for the R.A.F. bomb-aimers, and sticks of explosives fell across goods yards and railway tracks and yet more fires were added to the destruction in the submarine building yards.

In one district a great fire roared up one of many which pilots declared appeared altogether beyond control.

It was not only a night of formidable bombing but also of marked success against the many fighters which the enemy put up to help the ground defences.

Four enemy aircraft are known to have been destroyed and at least two severely damaged by British bombers.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of State, has thanked contributors to aircraft funds, which at the end of April totalled £19,000,000. Of this sum 40 per cent was contributed by the colonies and dominions, 35 per cent by Britain, 15 per cent by India and 10 per cent by the Netherlands colonies.

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, flew back from the United States on Saturday in one of the American-made bombers which are regularly ferried across the Atlantic to Britain.

CHUNGKING, May 12 (Reuter) — The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, and the British Embassy staff were sheltering in a dug-out, when several bombs landed directly above them during a Japanese raid on Chungking. It is now revealed. All were unhurt.

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — German wounded in Bulgaria number 6,000, and in Rumania 10,000, according to estimates checked by direct evidence, says an Istanbul message to the Independent French Agency in London yesterday.

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — An Italian communiqué states that in the Aegean Sea Italian troops have occupied the islands of Zea, Syphonos, Syria and Miconos, thus completing the occupation of the Cyclades Archipelago.

DIPLOMATIC SET-BACKS FOR WILHELMSTRASSE

ZURICH, May 12 (Reuter) — New diplomatic "successes" confidently anticipated by Berlin have not materialised, according to reports from the Nazi capital received here yesterday.

"A clear decision" by Vichy has not yet been taken on the resumption of collaboration along the lines desired by Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten.

The return to Turkey of the German Ambassador, Franz von Papen, is considered a "sign" that Turkish developments are far from being a fait accompli, as recently hinted by the Berliner Boersen Zeitung, organ of the Wilhelmstrasse.

The new appointments in Spain have been regarded as a sign that the latent opposition between General Franco and Senor Sener, his brother-in-law and Foreign Minister, over Spain's policy is taking shape.

FRONTIER HITCH

The Wilhelmstrasse insists, of course, that General Franco's move is exclusively an internal matter. Finally, there is also the hitch in the frontier negotiations in Zagreb between Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and M. Paveltich, head of Germany's puppet state of Croatia, which is reported by the Budapest correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten.

COSILIEST RAID ON LONDON

Bomber Chased, Shot Down Over Own Base

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter) — Free French and Czech pilots helped Britons to make Saturday night's attack on London the costliest the Luftwaffe had suffered in any blitz on Britain.

A French Flight-Lieutenant, patrolling the night skies, saw a Nazi raider caught by searchlights over the capital. He closed in and after the first attack saw the bomber dive. He followed it down for 7,000 feet. The raider exploded on the ground.

A Czech Sergeant-Pilot of the same squadron intercepted and destroyed another bomber on the way home. Their Squadron Leader also bagged one which was shot down in flames.

MASS OF FLAMES — One pilot destroyed two bombers within a few minutes after a chase towards the Dutch coast. He followed one seawards and although it strove constantly to regain its base he caught up with it at only 300 feet altitude near the aerodrome.

At the first attack, the raider blew into a great mass of flames. As soon as the British pilot recovered from the glare he saw another bomber about to take off from the aerodrome and gave it a long burst from his guns sending it straight towards the ground breaking up.

The fighter was now down to 50 feet and had to climb quickly to avoid the anti-aircraft.

Middle East Operations

IRAQI AERODROMES BOMBED BY R.A.F.

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter) — Attacks on enemy-occupied aerodromes and other military objectives in Iraq, and bombing of similar targets in other theatres of the Middle East, were reported in an R.A.F. Middle East communiqué yesterday.

The communiqué stated: Cyrenaica: Derna aerodrome, upon which a considerable number of enemy aircraft were dispersed, was bombed by aircraft of the R.A.F. both during the night of May 9/10 and on Saturday.

At Jedabaya some large Junkers troop-carrying aircraft were bombed and damaged.

FIGHTER PATROLS — Our fighters maintained active patrols and one Messerschmitt 108 was destroyed on Gageald aerodrome as it was beginning to take off.

A large number of enemy aircraft were on the aerodrome. These were machine-gunned by our fighters.

Iraq: Our aircraft continue to attack rebel-occupied aerodromes and other military objectives.

Barracks, aerodrome buildings and a transport park had more than 12 direct hits on them.

IN ABYSSINIA — Abyssinia: Both fighter and bomber aircraft of the South African Air Force continued to support the troops in rounding up the remnants of the Italian East African army.

From all operations under review two aircraft are missing.

INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL BRUSH

SYDNEY, May 12 (Reuter) — When the German liner Coburg and the Norwegian tanker Ketty Brovig were intercepted in the Indian Ocean, they made off in different directions.

The Australian Canberra and the New Zealand cruiser Leander immediately shelled and set them on fire. The crews then abandoned ship and were picked up by the cruisers.

The above details were announced by Mr. W. M. Hughes, Australian Navy Minister, yesterday.

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FURTHER SHRINKAGE IN THE VOLUME OF COLONY TRADE INEVITABLE THIS YEAR: ALMOST COMPLETE CESSATION OF EXPORT OF HONGKONG-MANUFACTURED GOODS TO GREAT BRITAIN

Annual Meeting Of General Chamber Of Commerce

A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE TRADE OF 1940 WAS GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. J. K. BOUSFIELD, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

After reviewing the difficulties encountered by exporters, importers and manufacturers during the year—such as shortage of ships, limitation of imports into the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, and the introduction of import licences—the Chairman next, referred to the affect the shipping shortage had on Hongkong's wholesale prices which showed an average increase of under 35 per cent. The decrease in tonnage was less than 9.27 per cent.

"Unfortunately," continued the Chairman, "I fear that 1941 must inevitably see a further shrinkage in the volume of our trade and, indeed, since this address was prepared news of further shipping restrictions has come to hand which will result—at least for the time being—in the almost complete cessation of the export of Hongkong-manufactured goods to Great Britain."

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Mr. L. P. Davies, Mr. R. D. Gillespie, Mr. W. H. Lock, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. M. F. Key, O.B.E. (Secretary), and Mr. E. R. Price (Asst. Secretary).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH
Gentlemen, the Report & Accounts of the Chamber have been in your hands for some time and I rise to move their adoption.

You will not expect me on this occasion to review the course of the War. We in Hongkong are far from the centre of events, though the defence preparations going on all around us, and the strong reinforcement of Singapore are a reminder that we may at any moment become involved. If we are, I hope we shall bear ourselves under fire as manfully as our friends at Home.

Meanwhile, we can only struggle on, under conditions of ever-increasing difficulty, to keep the trade of the Colony going and so fulfil our responsibilities towards the maintenance of this important outpost of the British Empire.

CHIEF PROBLEM

The chief problem with which we are faced is, of course, the shortage of ships resulting from a ruthless campaign against the mercantile marine by which the enemy seeks to offset Britain's naval power and, if possible, to starve the people of the British Isles. We have heard, with immense relief, the news that the President of the United States has instituted a patrol of the Atlantic, 2,000 miles from east to west, and from the Arctic to the Antarctic Regions, in order to ensure that Britain "gets the tools to finish the job" which the United States is supplying under the Lend Lease Plan.

Another war-time difficulty arises from limitation of imports into the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, effected by means of import licences and quotas. The powers of the various Controllers and Licensing Departments are subject to one over-mastering consideration—the availability of shipping. Merchants and manufacturers find that when an import licence has been granted, or a quota has been fixed, their troubles, sometimes, have only just begun. Under changed circumstances the import licence may be suspended or cancelled, or the shipping space available may be quite insufficient to carry the goods which the Board of Trade, notwithstanding the need to reduce imports to a minimum, has decided are definitely required by the people at Home.

LIFE & DEATH STRUGGLE

These obstacles to the shipment of completed goods involve losses for all concerned, but such troubles have to be taken in good part as an inevitable accompaniment of the life and death struggle in which the British Empire is now engaged. The Chamber of Commerce has been actively occupied throughout the year in doing all it

NEW CHAIRMAN

At a meeting of the General Committee, held after the annual meeting, HON. MR. STANLEY H. DODWELL was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. G. Miskin, Vice-Chairman.

can smooth out these difficulties. In the rubber foot-wear industry the Chamber has organised a distribution of the limited freight space available, based on the quantity which each firm is licensed to import in proportion to the total quantity covered by all the licences.

In so far as revocation of import licences affects China produce, the General Produce Brokers' Association of London recently issued a revised contract which provides that Government cancellation of a licence is to be followed automatically by cancellation of the contract between buyer and seller. It has been necessary to point out that—as far as Far Eastern merchandise are concerned—this is no solution because exporters have to meet contractual obligations to suppliers. At the suggestion of this Chamber, the British Chambers of Commerce in China have made telegraphic representations to London Exporters have been advised not to do business on the Produce Brokers' revised contract.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

In spite of all these difficulties, the commerce of the Colony kept up remarkably well during 1940, as will be seen from the figures which are given on page 59 of the Chamber's Report. These show quite a substantial increase in the combined value of the Colony's imports and exports. However, it must not be forgotten that, owing to higher prices for all commodities in 1940, this increase in the value of our trade is almost certainly accompanied by some shrinkage in volume. Unfortunately, the Government Statistical Department does not publish tonnage figures, and I should like to take this opportunity of suggesting that this point might be remedied when peaceful conditions return.

Meanwhile, however, some very interesting figures for wholesale prices, covering 1939 and 1940, were released for publication by the Import & Export Department last month. The average increase in price during 1940 over 1939 was largest in the mineral group, with an increase of 44.82 per cent; and smallest in the foodstuff group—29.58 per cent. The average increase for all commodities works out at 35.39 per cent.

Had prices remained stationary, the increase or decrease in the total value of the trade of the Colony would accurately represent the percentage increase or decrease in the total tonnage of that trade. Therefore, to obtain a comparison between 1939 and 1940 tonnages, we should step up the value of the 1939 figures by the average increase in costs between the two years. In terms of 1940 values, we thus arrive at a figure of £98.8 millions sterling for 1939 trade as against £85.1 millions sterling for 1940.

WELFARE OFFICER NAMED

The Hongkong Daily Press has been officially informed that His Excellency the Governor has received telegraphic advice from the Secretary of State of the appointment of MR. J. L. KEITH, late of the Northern Rhodesian Administrative Service, as Welfare Officer in the Colonial Office.

Mr. Keith's duty will be to make arrangements for the welfare of residents of the Colonies who are living in or visiting the United Kingdom. He will be especially concerned with the well-being of students, seamen and those who go to the United Kingdom to join His Majesty's forces or to undertake war work, and will work in co-operation with existing Government and other agencies.

Mr. Keith will be assisted in that part of his work which relates to Africa and the West Indies by Mr. I. G. Cummings, an African from Sierra Leone, who is at present Secretary to Aggrey House.

From this it would appear that 1940 suffered a tonnage loss of 9.275 per cent as compared with the previous year.

LITTLE AFFECTED

However, as foodstuffs formed the largest individual item of import during 1940, and as this group underwent the smallest increase in price, it is probable that the weighted general average for all groups would show a smaller percentage increase than the figure of 35.39 per cent on which I have worked, and this in turn would mean that the decrease in tonnage is even less than 9.27 per cent. But even on the basis of this latter figure it is surprising that the Colony was so little affected during 1940 by the world shortage of shipping. The position reflects great credit on the more economic use to which available bottoms must have been put, and those concerned are to be congratulated. Unfortunately, I fear that 1941 must inevitably see a further shrinkage in the volume of our trade and, indeed, since this address was prepared news of further shipping restrictions has come to hand which will result—at least for the time being—in the almost complete cessation of the export of Hongkong-manufactured goods to Great Britain.

Nevertheless, I am not one of those pessimists who, whilst admitting that conditions have kept up surprisingly well in the past, forecast that evil times are just around the corner. It would be foolish to indulge in wishful thinking concerning our prospects for the current year, but the adaptability which the Colony has shown in meeting changed conditions will, I trust, help us to make up on the swings at least some of what we are likely to lose on the roundabouts.

LOCAL INDUSTRY

Here I would like to say a few words on the increasing importance of our local industry. The old-established industries of ship-building and repairing, cement making and sugar refining all show increased activity, but it is rather to the growth of the more recently established industries that I refer, and I would particularly ask you to study the figures given on page 60 of the Chamber's Report. You will see that the export value of the goods listed therein has increased from a little under \$35 millions in 1939 to over \$51 millions in 1940—an increase of 46.98 per cent; and this in spite of quotas, export licences and other impediments.

Admittedly this total is small in comparison with the combined import and export figure of \$1,374.5 millions, but it will be realised how important a place in the life of the community local manufacturers have now taken when it is remembered that the amount which "sticks" with the Colony, i.e. the difference between the import value of the raw materials and the export price, is probably no less than 65 per cent on the average in the case of locally-made articles, whereas the amount sticking with the Colony on ac-

AIRPLANE FUND CAMPAIGN

Hongkong Songsters To Do Their Bit

In response to the "Airplane Fund Campaign" started by Chinese Artists recently, Chinese songsters in Hongkong are planning a similar drive.

At a meeting of a number of local choral societies, including the Hung Hing, Chau Fung, Ling Sing, New China and Chung Wah, yesterday measures for the campaign were discussed. It was decided that the fund will be raised by contributions and singing recitals. Those who donate H.K.\$10 will be given a gold-glided plane badge, those who donate H.K.\$100, a pur-suit plane model, while those who donate H.K.\$500, a large bomber model.

A group of prominent Chinese have been invited to serve as advisers including Madame Sun Yat-sen, Madame Liao Chung-ksai, Mr. Chang I-lin, People's Political Council member, Mr. M. K. Lo, Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Aw Boon-haw, Mr. Tu Yueh-sen, Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai, Mr. Liu Wei-chih, Professor Hsu Ti-shan, Madame Sun Fo and Mr. Wang Yun-wa.

A telegram has been sent to Chinese songsters in the interior and abroad asking them to support the campaign.

The plane to be donated to the Government will be named "New Music."

count of its entrepot trade is probably not more than two or three per cent.

The Delhi Conference has opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East to the potentialities of Hongkong, and we all hope that one result of that Conference will be to accelerate the growth of our productivity. It is possible that in retrospect the period covered by the present war will be looked on as having done more to put the industry of this Colony on its feet than any other like period of time. However, if we are to achieve this enviable goal the local manufacturers will have to show their usual resource in directing the labour of this Colony into new channels and so make up for what we hope will be the temporary loss of the U.K. market.

HARBOUR RECLAMATIONS

Sir David Owen's report on the Harbour stresses the desirability of going ahead with certain reclamations as soon as practicable. If this can be done, and legislation is avoided which might make us unable to compete with manufacturers in China, I think the Colony can confidently look forward to greatly increased prosperity when the political horizons have cleared.

Sir David Owen's report to which I alluded just now, has been published so recently that I do not propose to refer to it at length, pending full consideration by the appropriate Sub-Committees of the Chamber. It is clearly a valuable and most instructive document, the product of wide knowledge and experience. The report should help the whole Colony to take long views in the development of its most valuable asset.

We have again to express sympathy with the merchant community in Canton who for another year have suffered by force of circumstances beyond their control—the almost complete loss of their trade. A year ago there were hopes of the re-opening of the River, but I regret to say that these have not yet materialised.

We are all glad that His Excellency the Governor has returned to the Colony recovered in health and trust that his strength may be maintained to face the strenuous duties which each day and hour bring to him in these times of stress. I am sure you will wish me also to express my appreciation of the services rendered to the Colony by General Norton during his term as Acting Governor.

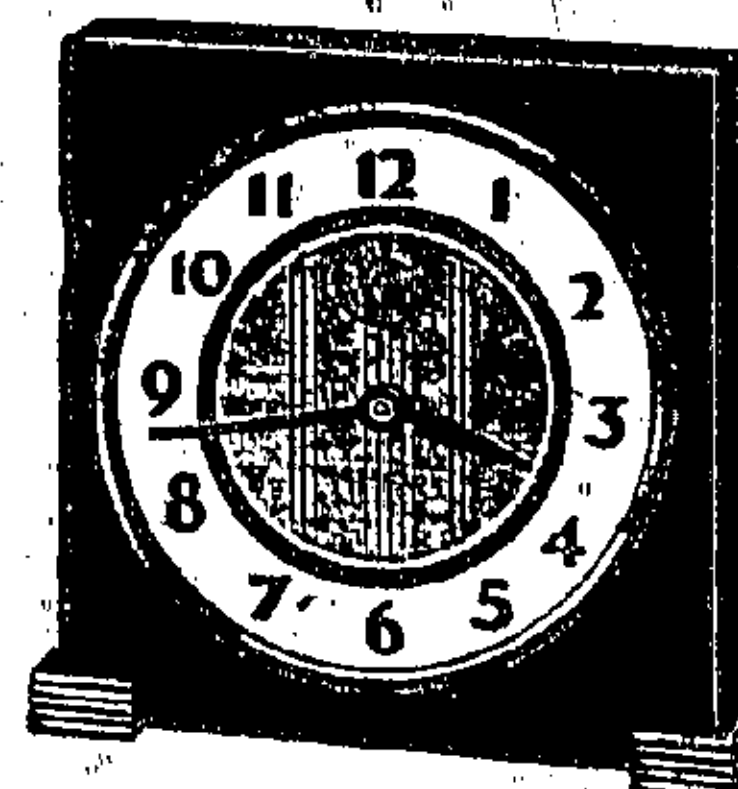
INCREASE IN FEES

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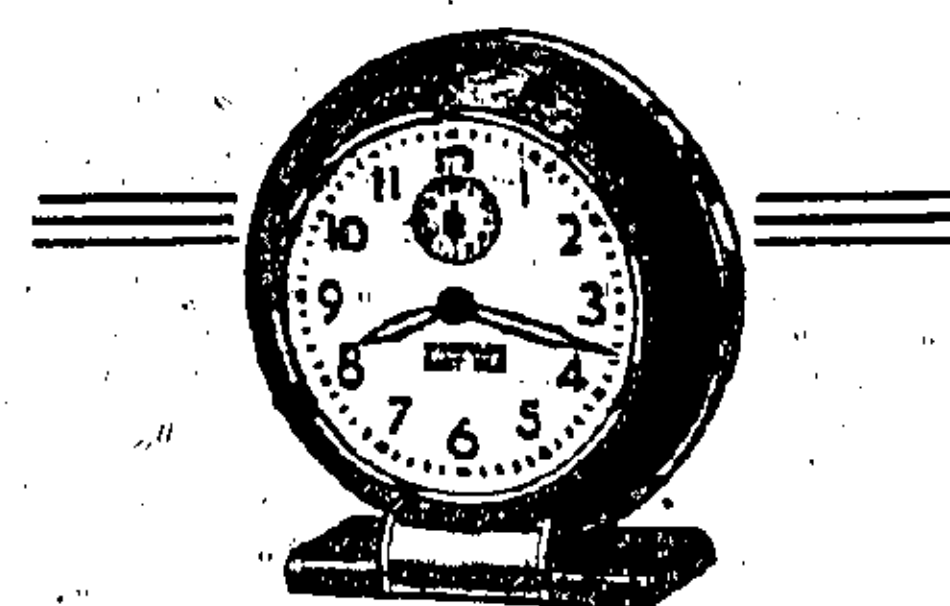
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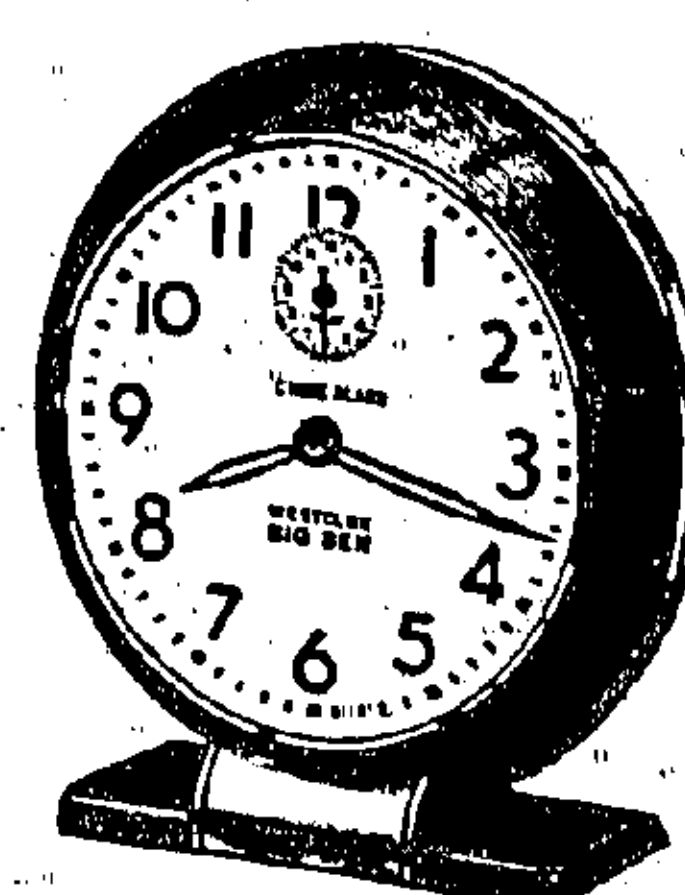
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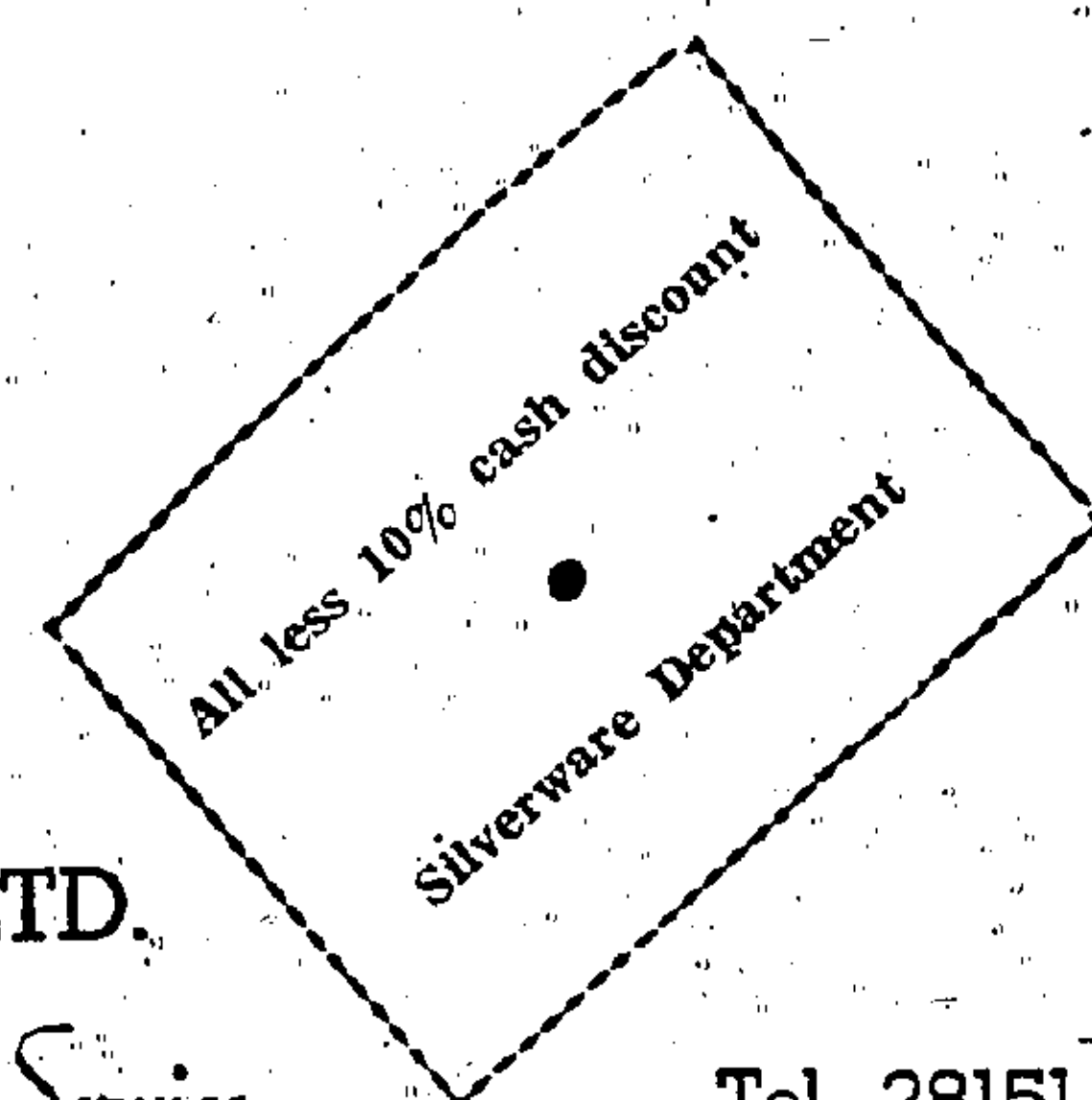
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Chinese Australasian Association

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A Ladies Committee is making preparations for an interesting programme and every effort is being made to outshine the successful first anniversary dinner held a year ago.

The Ladies Committee in charge of arrangements consist of Mrs. Pauline Yee, Mrs. Henry Ching, Mrs. Alice Chow, Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. Mavis Cheung, Mrs. Rose Y. K. Chow, Miss Suey Ming, Mrs. Irene Law and others.

MACAO GOVERNOR DEPARTS

The first official visit to Hongkong of His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira and Mme. Teixeira, accompanied by Captain Silva e Costa, ended yesterday morning when the distinguished party boarded the S.S. Sai On for Macao.

Among those present at the Tung On wharf to bid the party bon voyage were the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro, Mr. Leo K. Yung, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, and Captain H. A. de B. Botelho, Hon. A. D. C. to His Excellency.

DIED FROM HEAD INJURIES

Alleged to be one of three robbers who were beaten off by their intended victim with a wooden pole, last Wednesday morning, at No. 168 Nanchang Street, Shamshuipo, died at the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday from head injuries he had sustained.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

LAU TAK PO,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1941.

LATEST CLAIMS
BY JAPANESE

SHANGHAI, May 12 (Reuter)—Japanese forces, south-west of Shansi province, according to a semi-official Japanese report, have rapidly captured numerous towns, including the reported base of the Chinese 40th Army at Shaoyuan and are now facing the Chinese near Pingluhsien, just north of the Yellow River, where the Chinese are reported to be forming new lines of defence.

Chinese towns captured claim in the latest Japanese advance include Tsingyuan, Fengmenkow and Siliuyang, all along the Yellow River in Northern Honan.

TWO BODIES TIED
TOGETHER

Two bodies tied together, both partly decomposed, were discovered by a party of a police launch on the south shore of Beaufort Island yesterday and removed to the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

Beaufort Island lies to the south of Hongkong, opposite Stanley Bay.

A submerged junk was also found near the island. It is held probable that the two men were murdered in Chinese waters, the bodies being carried on to the island by the tide.

DEATH.—At Cambridge on the 6th May, Edith beloved wife of Daniel John Lewis formerly of Hongkong.

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SUNER—THE LAVAL
OF SPAIN

WHEN HERR HITLER announced the beginning of his diplomatic and armed blitzkriegs in spring, attention was at once centred on the Mediterranean countries as being certain to come within his ambitious plans to help his crippled partner in Italy and, at the same time, to gain control of the Near and Middle East. His political offensive in the Balkans having failed to materialise according to his wishes, he was forced into a military conflict there and only succeeded at an extraordinary heavy cost. This has resulted in a lull in his armed blitz, but his diplomatic manoeuvring has gone on unceasingly in his desperate efforts to facilitate his military designs. With the closure of the Balkan campaign, Herr Hitler increased his intrigues in other directions. One move reached right out to Iraq, while nearer home, the mail fist in the velvet glove began to appear over unoccupied France and Spain. In both these countries, Herr Hitler and his body of gangsters have managed to secure the services of traitors to further his unclean politics—in Vichy, in addition to the self-confessed betrayer M. Laval, he has now enlisted the assistance of another who has shown his willingness to double-cross his country in Admiral Darlan.

WHILE his intrigue with these two puppets appear to be maturing to his advantage, Herr Hitler has found another dyed-in-the-wool Axis protagonist to dance to his tune in Spain. This is Senor Suner, the Foreign Minister, whom Herr Hitler and his associates have repeatedly dined and wined in order to inflame in him a desire for the sort of power that M. Laval and Admiral Darlan have evidently been led to believe will be theirs when the Nazi dreams of victory and world domination materialise—if, and when, they take material shape at all. And so it is that the world was informed during the week-end of the latest moves on the Spanish political chess-board. Senor Suner's hopes and ambitions, under Nazi tuition, appear to exceed those contemplated by M. Laval and Admiral Darlan. He has made no attempt to conceal them either and has apparently made known his intentions to oust General Franco with the assistance of the Falangist Party, which corresponds to the Nazi organisation in Germany, and whose power he has sought in increase for the purpose.

SENOR SUNER has, however, reckoned without his host and General Franco, as the head of the Spanish Republic, has taken immediate steps to curb Senor Suner's intrigues and has got in the first thrust by removing members of the Falangist Party

CHINA AND
AUSTRALIA:
JOINT DEFENCE

CHUNGKING, May 12 (Reuter)—Mr. Clarence Gauss is due here on May 21, via Hongkong, where he is meeting Mr. Nelson Johnson who is leaving Chungking on May 14.

The Chinese Press gave prominence to the report that the Australian Cabinet has approved in principle of the exchange of Ministers between China and Australia.

The influential TAKUNGPAO says that with the centre of world events gradually shifting from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the exchange of diplomatic representatives between China and Australia will contribute much to a joint defence against a common enemy and to the stabilisation of the Pacific situation.

Mr. Liu Hih-shun, director of European Affairs Department may be appointed Chinese Minister in Canberra.

INDUSTRIALISATION
OF FORMOSA

MOJI, May 12 (Reuter)—Facilities for the industrialisation of Formosa will be completed soon and other proposed measures are being carried out to make Formosa the 'heart' of Japan's southward movement, stated Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Governor-General of Formosa, returning to Tokyo for the first time since his appointment to the post last year.

He was most optimistic concerning the conditions in Formosa, declaring that he would consider introducing a voluntary military service in Formosa at the 'earliest possible opportunity.'

JAPANESE OUTRAGE
IN SOOCHOW CREEK

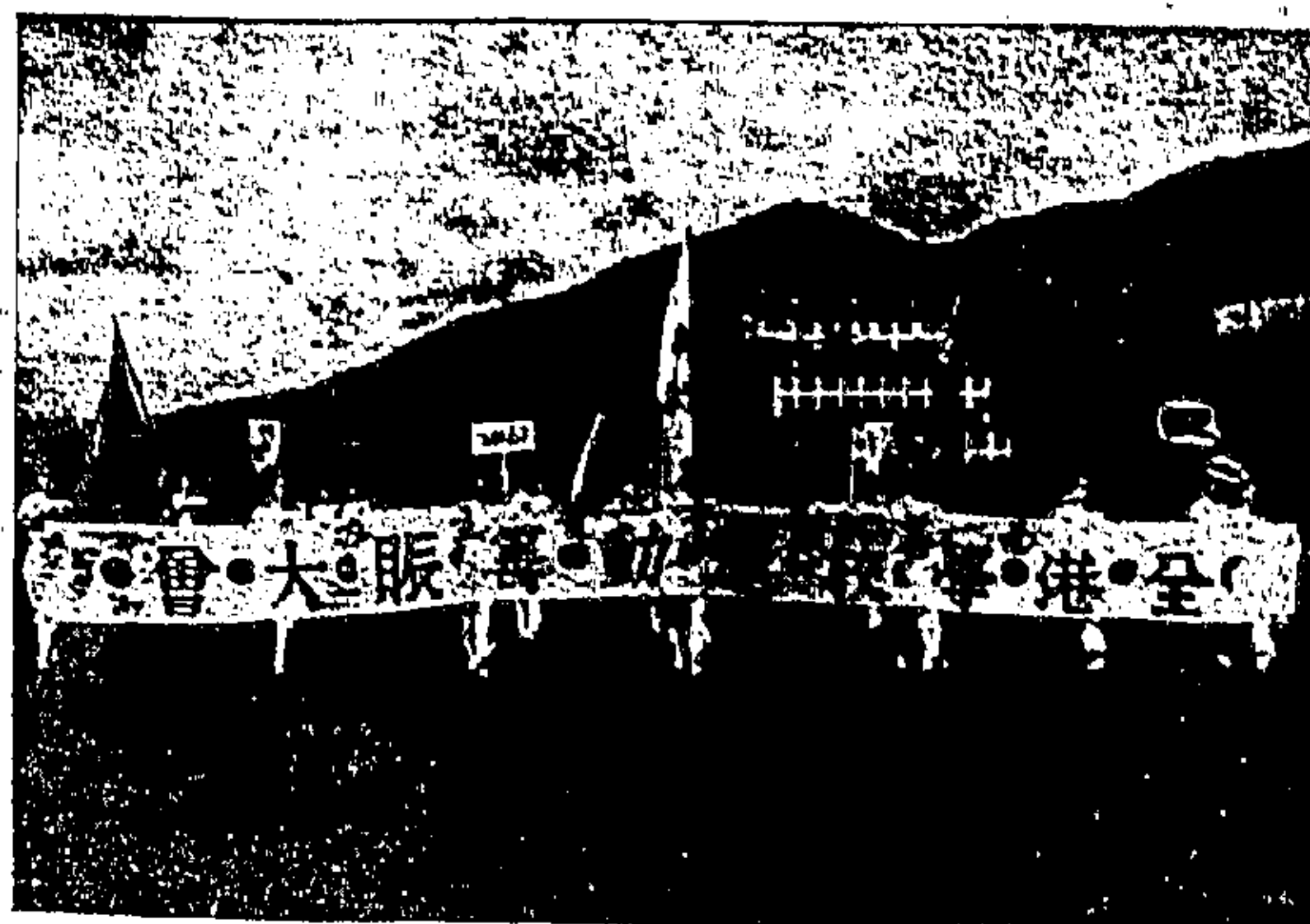
SHANGHAI, May 12 (Reuter)—Despite the official Japanese denial of its first report that over 100 sampans and junks had been sunk by Japanese Navy personnel in the course of a search for Chinese terrorists, the Shanghai Evening Post reports today that a further 80 sampans were sunk on Sunday. The newspaper adds that sampans and junks sent to the bottom of Soochow Creek for the three days since the search began on Friday totalled about 250.

80 INDIAN
PILOTS

DELHI, May 12 (Reuter)—It was revealed that during the first three months of the war, the Indian Flying Clubs provided 80 pilots for the Indian Air Force.

who hold posts in the Government at home and abroad. General Franco has wisely taken care not to precipitate a crisis by removing Senor Suner himself from office, but his action is undoubtedly meant to show his Falangist friends in the Axis countries that he is still master in his own house. By dealing with the situation as an internal matter, General Franco has displayed clever politics and has made it impossible for Germany to intervene against the action taken. General Franco is nevertheless placed in an anxious position. His refusal hitherto to side with the Axis has been based on humanitarian motives. He knows that Spain, in her present poverty-stricken condition, is entirely dependent on Great Britain and the United States for her food supplies and that his joining the Axis will increase this difficulty as soon as Spain is included in the British blockade. On the other hand, the help he received from Germany and Italy in the civil war has placed him under obligation to the Axis Powers from whom pressure is now likely to be increased for active collaboration. Further developments in Spain will be anxiously awaited.

ALL-SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS



The Lingnan Middle School athletes, champions of the All-Schools sports meeting during the week-end, with their banner.—(Sun Ying Ming).

Lord Beaverbrook's Rise To
Power: Colourful Career

LORD BEAVERBROOK who was recently appointed Minister of State in a Cabinet reshuffle is worthy of an Horatio Alger. He sprang from lowly stock and before he was out of his twenties had made a fortune. His previous position as Minister of Aircraft Production in Great Britain—a job which is paramount in achieving success in the war—has little relation to his early training, but it has been marked by a characteristic that has animated all his work, a genius for organisation, writes Walter W. Cunningham in the Christian Science Monitor. If he had been asked to build ships instead of planes, it is not too much to assume the result would have been the same.

When there is a job to do, Lord Beaverbrook gets it done. He has an uncanny faculty for picking the right man. That he immediately did upon taking over his present job last May. And once he appointed the men he wanted, he adopted the motto of his chief, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and ordered all departments to "go full steam ahead."

RESTLESS ENERGY
His restless energy gave his assistants little time to think. Plans were needed. Production was stepped up immediately, and soon the factory output was more than double what it had been for a similar period the previous year.

The purchase of planes abroad, particularly in America, was also vastly increased, and a renewed confidence spread among the people whose hopes had been somewhat shattered by the adverse turn of events across the English Channel.

SWELLING AIRCRAFT
PRODUCTION

The time was ripe for change in Britain. Lord Beaverbrook cut across red tape and discarded, when the necessity arose, the established custom of communicating orders in writing. If he wanted something done, he picked up a receiver and gave his instructions over the telephone. This had its complications, but it had the prime merit of preventing delay, and time was a great factor in the war. In the early weeks of his aircraft job he was spending two million pounds a day. But money was no object in a struggle that had everything at stake.

So Lord Beaverbrook goes on. Every day the situation improves, so far as aircraft output is concerned in Britain. The steady stream of production swells, and with it the hope grows that the initiative will definitely pass from the totalitarian to the democratic side in the war. Mr. Churchill has been highly complimentary to Lord Beaverbrook. As far back as August of last year, he spoke of the output and repair of British aircraft and engines as not only splendid, but astounding.

OFT-QUOTED INCIDENT

An oft-quoted incident in the career of Lord Beaverbrook throws more light on his character than perhaps a volume could show. It was the first day in his new job, and he was in an inquisitive mood. He gathered around him the men in charge of aeroplane construction. How long would it take to make deliveries? he asked. Three months was the answer.

Now Lord Beaverbrook is not without a sense of humour. "I want to know," he rejoined, "how many you can deliver tomorrow morning." There was a ring of sincerity in his voice, and an abiding faith in himself and the men around him. His words proved effective. The men buckled down with a will. He soon brought about the merger of aircraft factories, won the workers over to dispensing with week ends, and had the industry on a new basis.

As William Maxwell Aitken, he was the son of a Presbyterian minister in Canada. His father had emigrated from Scotland—where genius flourishes in a thatched cottage and settled in Ontario. There, young Aitken spent his early days before moving to New Brunswick. He received a public school education, and from that foundation branched out into

BROTHERHOOD OF THE SEA
TAKES MATERIAL FORM:
MERCHANT NAVY'S SPIRIT

In paying a tribute to the officers and men of the Merchant Navy yesterday in a broadcast from London, MR. CHARLES JARMAN, member of the National Union of Seamen, declared that the spirit and determination of the Merchant Navy was such that he felt sure that any inconveniences they would be put to would be taken in their stride.

Mr. Jarman warned that with the coming of the finer weather the Germans would unleash their submarine attacks on a far heavier scale, but at the same time he commented on the many successes which the Royal Air Force and the British Navy had scored against the under-sea menace and declared that these successes must have put the fear of God in the hearts of German submarine commanders and their crews.

GREAT WORK

Referring to the developments in the Battle of the Atlantic, Mr. Jarman emphasised the great work which was being done under the convoy system. Britain was still almost wholly dependent on her sea-borne routes for her supplies.

In spite of the sinkings of ships and the risks which convoy work entailed, the men of the merchant service were convinced that the British Navy and the Royal Air Force could still do the trick and they were all determined to carry on.

He knew these men of the Merchant Service as he had worked with them.

"I know them to be different," said Mr. Jarman, "I have worked with and for them in order to better their conditions. You know these men now to be the men and the sons of men who faced submarine power in the last war and who are facing submarines and dive-bombing attacks today in this war. These men are dying that we should be safe and our industries equipped with the materials and supplies necessary to keep them going."

BROTHERHOOD OF THE SEA

"I am proud to have worked with and for them and also as their representative as a member of the Maritime National Board. What applies to British seamen also applies to those from the occupied countries who are now with us in this fight."

REGISTRATION OF SEAMEN
"An important agreement has now been drawn up to meet the ever-changing convoy system. Every seaman is now compelled to register and this means that hundreds of men, who have, for some reason or other, left the sea, will be available for service."

"This will also mean improved conditions for themselves and under agreements made by the National Maritime Board, permanent employment is now guaranteed to the men."

Mr. Jarman declared that this scheme would enable officers and members of the crew of merchant ships to have a much-needed rest. The crew of an in-coming ship would immediately go on long leave.

"It is significant that even in the stress of war such steps for improving the conditions of merchant seamen are being carried on," said Mr. Jarman. "With the spirit and determination shown by the men, I am sure that any inconveniences they might be put to will be taken in their stride."

AMERICAN
PROPHECY

The contingency to which I allude as being the only one which could prompt an interference in European affairs is, I sincerely hope, very far distant, but it is one which should never be lost sight of in England, and which may ultimately be averted altogether by its being constantly kept before the world—I mean a combination of the continent (of Europe) at some future day against England as the great embodiment of constitutional liberty in Europe.

That day may come; how soon, I never know. In whose hands are the destinies of nations? but come when it may, our interests and our feelings will alike combine to make us come to the rescue.

We shall come; it may be from a conviction that, in fighting our battles, we are contending for the cause of constitutional liberty.

Our plea or our excuse may be self-preservation; but in such a contingency come we will; and be assured that the youthful giant—for we shall be a giant before that day arrives—will not come the less willingly or strike less effectively because his strength will be put forth on behalf of a parent who, if she was not always a kind mother, gave to us our Anglo-Saxon blood, and sent us forth imbued with her laws, her literature, and her love of constitutional liberty—General G. Watson Webb, U.S.A., in a speech, March 18th, 1854.

he is a man of extraordinary ability for organisation. He has come to be known as the "Beaver," because of his industry and persistence. The problem of aircraft production has put his ability to a severe test. But no one for an instant doubts that he has emerged from the situation triumphantly.

REPRESENTATIVE
INDIAN GOVT.

BEERUT, May 12 (Reuter)—In a statement issued here on his way to Simla, the Bengal Prime Minister, Fazlul Huq, declared that he would urge upon the Viceroy the necessity of associating Indians with the Central as well as Provincial administrations to a larger extent in order to make a representative Government possible and create conditions favourable to all in India to support the war against aggression.

INDIAN UNITY

ALLAHABAD, May 12 (Reuter)—The Committee of the United Provinces' Liberal Association made a resolution urging the Government to preserve territorial integrity and unity of India.

TRAINING FOR
N.E.I. PILOTS

BATAVIA, May 12 (Reuter)—From Monday, all Netherlands East Indies male citizens from 17 to 27 years of age, meeting certain demands can enter voluntary air corps and will receive free preliminary training as pilots. It is expected that every half-year about 100 pilots will be able to be delivered to the Army and 40 to the Naval Air Force, where they will receive final training. The purpose of this purely private institution, is to create a reserve of pilots on behalf of the Army and Navy.

A highly interesting travel talk entitled "Three months amongst the Red Indians" was given by Miss Baxter to an appreciative audience at a gathering of the St. Andrew's Club last night.

BRITISH ARMoured DIVISIONS IN FOUR-DAY EXERCISE

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter)—British heavy tanks, rolling in hundreds across Salisbury Plain, swept a "German panzer division" into the sea and relentlessly rolled up an enemy invading force, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the Southern Command.

That is what happened during a four-day exercise in which one of Britain's armoured divisions and 50,000 troops have just taken part.

Cannot Depend On Bombing To Win War



GENERAL MARTEL

General G. de Q. Martel, Commander of the Royal Armoured Corps, stated last week that we cannot depend on bombing to win the war. The decisive action would be between opposing armoured forces.

Referring to this, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.E.C. commentator, in a broadcast from London last night, said that with the invasion of the Low Countries, we had learnt the lesson of the new technique of armoured divisions breaking through defence lines that were considered to be impregnable.

We were far behind but were rapidly making good this deficiency.

Maj. Murray said that the production of tanks must be pushed forward on the same scale as the production of planes. A country could not be held by flying about over it. Combination between the aircraft and armoured divisions on the ground was necessary.

(General Martel is the inventor of the one-man tank).

WAVE OF ABDUCTIONS IN SHAI

SHANGHAI, May 12 (Reuter)—Following the recent abduction of Miss Chow Sing-tai, Secretary for the Chungking District Court in the Settlement, the staff of the Court has been further reduced by more kidnappings.

In daring raids on the respective homes in foreign areas, Chinese gunmen, it is reported, spirited away Yu Sze-wel, one of the judges, and Chang Chung-sie, one of the procurators.

In addition, the wife and son of Fong Ching-wel, another judge, were abducted from their home in the French Concession late last night.

ENEMY WITHDRAW

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter)—It is learned in London that in Southern Abyssinia, the enemy has withdrawn from their positions astride the road north of Wadala, where the British troops have surrounded the positions held by the enemy rearguard.

Vivid Description Of London "Blitz Night"

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insisted on taking her turn of fire watching. She said, "After all what does it matter what happens to me now? So there she was dressed up rather severely as if she was going to a party."

"And so while the blitz roar went on we saw spurts of flame going up. Then there was a soft whistle and a bomb fell very close. We had no chance to get down. My tin hat and the old lady's hat were ripped off. I looked round

Heavy Weight Of H.E. Bombs On Hamburg And Bremen

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter)—Attacks on HAMBURG and BREMEN last night show the shipbuilding yards and industrial areas of both cities were subjected to the heavy weight of high-explosive incendiary bombs.

Large fires started were left burning.

At the same time, according to the Air Ministry communique, smaller attacks were made on other targets, including EMDEN and docks at ROTTERDAM.

From these operations, four Bomber Command aircraft are missing.

The communique adds docks at the YMUDEEN and the seaplane base on the ISLAND OF TEXEL were also attacked last night but all aircraft returned safely.

ITALIAN WORKING PARTY ATTACKED

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter)—Imperial troops from Tobruk have made another sally and attacked an Italian working party of about 300, inflicting casualties.

Further naval attacks on Benghazi on Friday and Saturday are reported by the Axis High Command.

Japanese Use Fewer Aircraft In Raids On Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 12 (Reuter)—The first week of the aerial bombardment of Chungking revealed so far that there has been a few casualties and very little property damaged, while the downtown section of the city was almost untouched.

It is also significant that the number of aircraft participating in the raids were far fewer than those which came over last year and even fewer than those used two years ago.

During last week, the raiders appeared to concentrate on the western suburbs. Though some bombs were dropped on the downtown business section on May 3, on the Yangtze River front downtown on May 9, and the north bank of the Chialing River yesterday, the majority of the bombs dropped in these raids landed in the western suburbs.

Both on Friday and Saturday, bombs fell dangerously close to the residence of the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, which has been made almost uninhabitable. The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, yesterday sent a representative to call on the Ambassador to inquire about the extent of the damage to his residence, because houses in the western suburbs are widely scattered and many bombs landed in open fields, causing comparatively little property damage except to shops and houses along the main roads. Casualties were also reported to be few.

The heaviest death toll occurred on May 9, when bombs were dropped along the Yangtze and Chialing River front, many junkmen were killed or wounded.

While Chinese fighters engaged the raiders last year and two years ago, it is learned so far that no fighters had taken off this year to oppose them.

A.A. DEFENCE The Chinese defence depended entirely on anti-aircraft guns which however, were not effective as the raiders came over the city at great heights, mostly above 7,000 feet.

Dugouts again proved effective. Yesterday several bombs landed both directly above and in front of one dugout, practically closing the entrances, but all occupants were safe. After the raid, they had no difficulty in leaving the dugout.

FURTHER ADVANCES IN ABYSSINIA

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter)—Successes by British patrols in Libya and further advances in Abyssinia are described in today's Middle East communique.

At Tobruk, British mechanised patrols surprised a considerable party of the enemy and inflicted casualties and captured 32 prisoners.

In the Sollum area, our patrols yesterday continued their harassing tactics capturing enemy tanks.

In Abyssinia, Indian troops advancing from the North on Amba Alagi have made important progress, capturing Gumsa and taking quantities of war material.

In Iraq, British forces have occupied the fort at Rutbah.

All is quiet at Habbaniyah and Basra.

NAZI CAMPAIGN OF LOOTING

NEW YORK, May 12 (Reuter)—The German Army in Serbia is conducting a systematic campaign of looting and confiscation of homes and property of Serbians and foreigners, and American Legation seals placed on British property have been violated, according to a message to the NEW YORK TIMES from Budapest.

The laying of the Foundation Stone of the Extension of the Po Leung Kuk by Lady MacGregor will take place on Wednesday, May 23, at 5.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor will be present at the ceremony.

and saw the old gentleman lying on the roof. We rushed up and touched him and we thought we had better get him down. We carried him to the corridor on the floor below and supported him until a doctor came, and went back to the roof. In half-an-hour he was dead—a bit of shell or bomb had got him in the middle.

"I had met him before in restaurants where I used to go for my meals. He was a harmless citizen."

Mr. Marshall described how he and the old lady had gone back to the roof and suddenly seen orange flames bursting out round Big Ben, which showed that the raiders had got the Houses of Parliament. They saw dark figures rushing about to deal with the bombs.

BECAME INFERNO

"We were looking down on one small area in a part of London that had suddenly become an inferno," continued Mr. Marshall. "There was nothing we could do. The trouble with incendiary bombs is that once the fire gets hold spreads quickly."

"As I looked I saw a man rushing to one of the windows in a block of flats on the opposite side. He ran to the balcony trying to make up his mind whether he should jump. He jumped and we saw him hurtle down. He seemed to land all right and we saw him stagger away."

Mr. Marshall said that all this time the firemen and auxiliary services were working with methodical speed. As water was poured on to the flames they changed into billowing smoke and gradually died down as they were brought under control.

In the meantime, bombs were continuing to fall. One fell about a hundred yards away and set up a black column of smoke. Immediately after came the sound of the rumbling fall of collapsing masonry. More bombs and more falling masonry. The lights had gone out and there was a good deal of rushing about.

WATER TANK HIT

A water tank on the roof of the opposite flat had been hit and the water was pouring down. The smoke was driving across the sky.

"On the roof on which I stood was one wireless mast," said Mr. Marshall, "on the top of it I saw something which I thought was a pigeon. I looked again and saw it was an owl huddled up and obviously very frightened. He sat there for five minutes and then showed the wisdom of the owl by flying away."

"I looked at my companion and found that she was as black as I was—we looked like a couple of nigger minstrels. And all the while new fires kept springing up."

Mr. Marshall remarked that through it all the people went about their work of fighting the flames as if it was a part of their customary work. Though it was all very horrible they did not seem to think it so. That was the sort of feeling that was aroused in war time.

It left people detached and untroubled and with the feeling that whatever was happening would happen. All the flat dwellers had gathered in the big entrance hall where they were playing cards and waiting for the raid to be over.

BROKEN GLASS

"One of the things I remember is seeing one of the porters busy sweeping up the entrance and neatly piling up the broken glass, as if he took it for granted that there would be no more raid," said Mr. Marshall. "Gradually the dawn crept on and still the bombs fell and the guns kept firing. I went down to the old lady's flat to see how much it had been damaged. It was not too badly damaged and she thanked me as I left her."

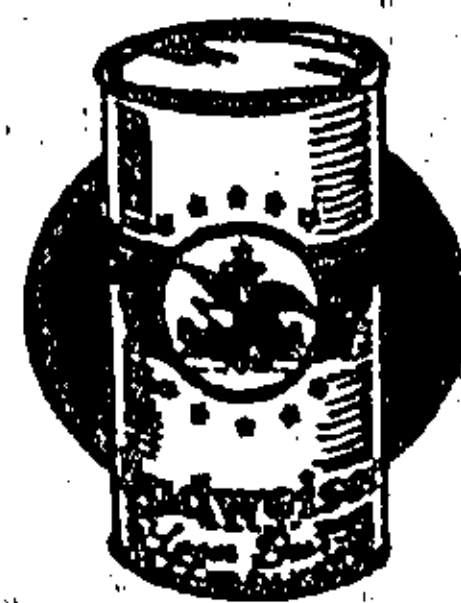
"So there it is—that is just a blitz night in London."

RECRUITING APPEAL

OTTAWA, May 12 (Reuter)—"We need about 32,000 men in the next two months" declared Colonel Ralston, Defence Minister, in a broadcast recruiting appeal.

Mr. Caldwell, Acting Leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, in the House of Commons, announced that over 900 inmates brought to Canada from Britain have been released to serve in the British Army.

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PREMIER SEES RUINS

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night was very widespread but although damage was caused at a number of points, it was nowhere heavy.

Bombs were dropped in many widely separated areas but no concentrated attacks were made and the number of casualties is not large.

City workers, on their way to office today, had to pick their way through hosiery and at a few points where smoke from soaked members still persisted but in the streets generally dust and debris had already been set aside, and the rhythm of ordinary life had begun.

One of the most remarkable features of the attacks has been the manner in which the Londoners accept what happened and readapt themselves to the changed conditions.

This was equally in evidence today although with inevitable exception those who arrived to find their offices non-existent and remained near the site of former employment in small groups discussing next moves and awaiting orders.

Those whose march to work took them past the Houses of Parliament, and the Westminster Abbey, paused and gazed sorrowfully at the damage but found comfort from the fact that Big Ben though with its face blackened and scarred, still told the correct time.

SUCCESSFUL PILOT

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter)—The most successful fighter pilot in the R.A.F. shot down one enemy bomber in Sunday night's raids. This is disclosed by the Air Ministry News Service which states that his individual score is now the highest figure of aircraft definitely destroyed and attributed to any R.A.F. pilot.

The name of the pilot was not given in accordance with the official policy of the present war of not publicising "aces."

A Polish sergeant pilot also claimed another raid.

SUPERINTENDENT KILLED

LONDON, May 12 (British Wireless)—It is understood that Capt. E. L. H. Elliott, Resident Superintendent of the House of Lords, was killed at his post while fire fighting.

STATESMAN WOUNDED

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter)—General Sosnkowski, Polish Deputy Prime Minister, was seriously wounded during Saturday's air raid on London.

BORDER DELEGATION TO SEE GENERALISSIMO

A delegation of 13 Chiang tribesmen from Litan on the border of Szechwan now visiting in Chungking will present 2,000 gleaming silver dollars, savings of their many years' hard toil, to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The border people came for an interview with the Generalissimo because they declared that the nation's supreme leader is one of the two greatest objects of worship for them, the other one being the sun.

The 13 representatives were chosen from among more than 4,000 Chiang tribesmen of the Luhua-Helshul district. They walked all the way to Chengtu where they arrived after a month. From Chengtu they came by bus to Chungking.

During the last few days they have interviewed government officials, including Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, General Wu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, and General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council.

Among treasured articles they have brought is musk for which Szechwan's border regions are especially noted. It was presented to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, during their interview with him. (Central News).

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GERMAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT

TOKYO, May 12 (Reuter)—In a front page editorial the Japanese Army organ, Kokumin Shinbun, declared that Japan could not look on with folded hands in the event of a German-Soviet agreement granting Russia "a free hand in Asia" in return for larger Soviet supplies to Germany.

The paper warned that Japan must guard against unilateral and opportunistic territorial transfers or hegemony by any foreign power before the fundamental conditions for a new world order had been realised.

Meanwhile, the widely read political commentator Kiyosawa, writing in the leading commercial daily, Chugai Shogyo, states "Common sense makes it clear that if the European war drags on the United States will join Britain" and adds "it would be dangerous to jump to the hasty conclusion that a German victory would mean peace in the Pacific."

NEWSLETTER FOR FAR EAST



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China's And America's Common Interests

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ciple laid down by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic, are equivalent to the American principle of 'government of the people, by the people and for the people.'

"As both are dedicated to the democratic principles of independence, freedom and equality, China and the United States," Generalissimo Chiang added, "have always been opposed to aggression and are therefore the pillars of permanent world peace and human welfare in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, wherein lie the national spirit of both the Chinese and Americans and their common responsibilities. China and the United States should, therefore strive together for the realisation of this common mission."

BROKEN DOWN

"The peaceful order in the Pacific," Generalissimo Chiang said, "has now been broken down. China has been made the object of aggression before she has completed her national defence preparations but she is determined to

fight against the aggressor—the Japanese militarists—to the bitter end whatever sacrifices may be involved.

"The American Government and people have shown the deepest sympathy with China in her war of resistance from the very start. Under the ruthless aggression of the Japanese militarists China and the United States are vitally linked together by their common interests and responsibilities in the Pacific from the standpoint of history, geography and international treaties. If one of them should fall victim to brute force, it will mean also a blow for the other who in such a case should not stand aloof."

Referring to the "peace terms" set down by the JAPAN TIMES-ADVERTISER, mouthpiece of the Gaimusho, on Apr. 30, Generalissimo Chiang said that judging by those bearing upon the United States and the Pacific it was obvious that Japan's aggression in China was the preliminary step toward aggression in America.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

LACK OF EVIDENCE

Because of lack of evidence for conviction, Chau Wai-chan, 18, woman, Yick Sze, 64, widow, and Ip (male), 24, flower seller, were discharged by Mr. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday, when the case in which they were charged with harbouring an unmarried girl, Yuen Yuet-chan, 18, without the consent of her mother at No. 2, Wah Ning Lane, ground floor, on Apr. 17 was heard.

All defendants denied the allegation.

It was stated that about 1 a.m. on Apr. 17, Kwok Lan, mother of the girl, of No. 1, Tsui Lung Lane, second floor, made a report at No. 2 police station that her daughter (complainant) had been missing since 4 p.m. the preceding day, when she was sent to visit her aunt in West Point.

The girl failing to return at 9.30 p.m., the mother had gone to the relative's house only to learn that her daughter had left at 4 p.m. with first defendant, who was a fellow-tenant of theirs.

Returning to her house at 10.15 p.m., Kwok Lan asked first defendant about her daughter's whereabouts, to which first defendant denied any knowledge.

At the Police Station after half an hour of questioning, first defendant admitted that she knew where the girl was and offered to take them to No. 2, Wah Ning Lane, ground floor, where the girl and the other two defendants were found.

ASSAULTED CONSTABLE

Ip Yee, 23, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday on two charges of hawking fruits without licence and assaulting Police Constable 360, Brian Singh, at Hennessy Road, near Fleming Road on May 11.

The case was remanded until Wednesday, defendant being allowed \$30 bail.

Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison is prosecuting.

WOUNDING CHARGE

Arrested on Saturday, Lee Wing, 39, gardener, appeared Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday facing charge of wounding Huen Pui with intent to cause him bodily harm at Aberdeen Old Road, The Peak, on May 4.

Det. Sub-Ins. J. O'Donovan in asking for three days' remand, which was granted, told the Court that complainant was still in hospital not yet being out of danger.

It is understood that the case is for committal.

STABBING SEQUEL

As a sequel to the stabbing incident that occurred in broad daylight at Queen's Road East, outside the Royal Naval Dockyard, on Saturday, Chau Wah, 35, carpenter, of No. 7, Tai Wong Street East, first floor, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday with cutting and wounding Li Ping-chuen, 22, carpenter of the Dockyard, residing at No. 57, Johnston Road, ground floor, causing him grievous bodily harm.

Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison, who is in charge of the case, asked for a week's remand, and this was granted.

AT KOWLOON

DEATH INQUIRY

An inquest into the death of an unknown Chinese woman, aged 60, who was struck by a piece of timber from the first floor of No. 18, Portland Street, on Feb. 28, was held before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

The jury comprised Messrs. Lemuel Jen (Foreman), E. Allay and Kwan Sau-tun. Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser appeared for the Police.

It was stated that the incident occurred about ten days after the Portland Street fire when some workers were engaged to clean the slump.

About 3 p.m. on Feb. 28 while the deceased was busy searching in the wreckage a piece of timber was thrown down which struck the woman on the head.

Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Hospital, said that he conducted a

post-mortem examination on Mar. 1 and found the cause of death was a fractured skull. He said that the deceased might have been killed by a piece of falling timber for trace of charcoal was found on her head.

After a retirement of a few minutes, the jury returned the verdict of accidental death.

AMAH CONVICTED

For larceny of money and jewellery to the total value of \$250 from a dwelling, Kan Siu-run, 19, a woman, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday.

Det. Sgt. C. Dowman said that defendant was employed as a temporary amah by Ng Lai-wa, a woman, at No. 39, Fuk Lo Tsun Road, Kowloon City. About 9 a.m. on Sunday the amah disappeared with a gold pocket watch with a gold chain attached, a gold wrist watch and \$14 in money. She was traced through her guarantor.

Accused had pawned the pocket watch and the chain for \$40 and \$15 had been given to an unknown Chinese to keep him from reporting the matter to the Police.

The sum of \$38 found on her person was ordered to be paid back to the complainant.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED

To So-ho, 29, ship's carpenter, and Chan Kam, 35, mistress of class IV boat No. 783V, were charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with larceny of an iron davit from the poop deck of a British ship which was then anchoring at the Victoria Harbour.

The woman was alternatively charged with receiving the davit.

Both defendants, who pleaded not guilty to all charges, were discharged owing to the fact that the ship had sailed away and no witness could be called.

Sgt. M. MacDonald prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

Fines of \$25, in default a month with hard labour, were imposed by Lt.-Cmdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., at the Marine Court yesterday on six masters of cargo junks charged with having entered a prohibited area, the North Lantau Channel Mincfield.

CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF FLOOR

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF

Judgment for plaintiff in an action claiming possession of the first floor of No. 125, Tai Nan Street was given by Mr. Justice Cressall at the Summary Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, was Yu Hon-hing, married woman, of the Fuk Tak Temple, Temple Street, while the defendant, who appeared in person was Li Mui, woman.

Plaintiff claimed possession of the premises which was wrongly occupied by defendant or, in the alternative, occupied by the defendant upon a tenancy at will. Plaintiff claimed mesne profits at the rate of \$23 per month from Mar. 30, 1941 and costs.

Mr. Russ said that his case was based on the fact that defendant had no right to be there.

TOOK OVER PREMISES

Defendant told plaintiff she had taken over the premises from the old tenant and asked that she be allowed to take over the tenancy.

Questioned by his Lordship, defendant stated that she had not paid any rent to plaintiff. She had been living in the premises for three years, the original tenant being her husband's aunt who was now in prison.

Remarking that on the facts he could see no defence for the defendant, his Lordship gave plaintiff judgment with costs; defendant to deliver possession by the end of May and to pay plaintiff the sum of \$46.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE

A series of lectures in First Aid will be given by Dr. A. P. Gutierrez and Dr. J. W. Barnes, at the Little Flower Club, King's Park, Kowloon, commencing Friday, May 10, at 6.45 p.m. A register of attendances will be taken at the lecture and it is hoped that many new volunteers will come forward.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend Murray Barracks Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, May 14 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, May 14 at 17.15 hours sharp, at Murray Barracks Parade Ground. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Police Reserve Headquarters for instruction, in Part II of Training Course on Thursday, May 15 at 17.15 hours sharp under Police Sergeant (R) 214 Channan Singh.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

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EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength. Constables (R) 447 J. E. de Sousa and (R) 448 A. Allemo have been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit, as from date.

Appointments. The undermentioned Police Reserve Constables have been appointed to the rank of Acting Lance Sergeants as from May 6, 1941:—(R) 438 N. Stradmoor, (R) 461 R. M. Marques, (R) 471 J. F. Silva, (R) 474 F. J. Medina and (R) 475 F. A. de Sousa.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the "A" and "B" Companies will parade at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground at 17.15 hours on Wednesday, May 14 for inspection of equipment by the Commanding Officer. Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover. Belt with

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Riot Drill. All ranks of the "A" Company, Hongkong Sections will attend for Riot Drill at Kennedy Road on Friday, May 16 under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa. Van will leave Queen's Pier at 17.05 hours sharp.

Training Course—Part I. The undermentioned will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, May 16 at 17.15 hours sharp for Part I of Training Course under Constable (R) 460 A. J. Sequeira. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Constables (R) 518 J. Y. Sidney, (R) 519 W. Agurora, (R) 520 R. Phillips, (R) 528 A. M. Caldas, (R) 534 L. S. da Silva, (R) 536 G. Salazar, (R) 537 V. Bernado, (R) 538 R. A. Rew, (R) 501 A. A. Crestejo, (R) 505 A. L. Lopes, (R) 508 A. F. da Silva, (R) 508 D. N. T. Lopes, (R) 510 G. F. Victor, (R) 507 J. de J. Fernandes, (R) 508 D. N. T. Lopes, and (R) 510 G. F. Victor.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned will attend Reserve Headquarters on Monday, May 19 at 17.15 hours for examination in Part II of Training Course:—

Constables (R) 502 B. L. Khaw, (R) 503 C. Hardoon, (R) 511 F. E. Castro, (R) 513 J. M. da Silva, (R) 515 H. M. Allemo, (R) 517 D. L. Silva, (R) 521 H. L. Rocha, (R) 522 V. L. Calechea, (R) 523 L. D. Danyau, (R) 524 V. J. Garcia, (R) 525 H. E. Osmond, (R) 527 C. J. Sousa, (R) 518 A. A. Sousa, (R) 529 A. J. Jorge, (R) 532 A. Anderson, and (R) 533 G. Hill.

The undermentioned will attend Reserve Headquarters on Tuesday, May 20 at 17.15 hours for examination in Part II:—

Constables (R) 539 A. V. Havers, (R) 518 J. Y. Sidney, (R) 538 G. Salazar, (R) 538 R. A. Rew, (R) 540 V. A. Sousa, (R) 541 H. Rodrigues, (R) 501 A. A. Crestejo, (R) 505 A. L. Lopes, (R) 508 A. F. da Silva, (R) 508 D. N. T. Lopes, (R) 510 G. F. Victor, (R) 507 J. de J. Fernandes, (R) 531 F. X. Beleros, (R) 528 A. M. Caldas and (R) 530 M. M. Maher.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER, D.C.P.(R).

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on

Tuesday the 13th. May 1941.

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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also

- 1 New Canvas Canoe
- 9 Rubber Air Mattresses (new)
- 1 "Frigidaire" Refrigerator
- 1 Large Porcelain Filter
- 2 Tentside Carpet
- 1 Tentain Rug
- 1 "Philo" Radio-gram

On View from Monday the 12th. May, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

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Wednesday, the 14th May, 1941.

commencing at 5.15 p.m.

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Terms: Cash on Delivery

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on

Thursday, the 15th May, 1941

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Godown, No. 2, Wood Road (Basement).

- 50 Bundles Paper
- 4 Bundles Old Rubber
- 1 Case Dried Cells
- 4 Bundles Iron Bars
- 1 Bag Betel Nut Pulp
- 2 Cases Mercandise (Bamboo Ware)
- 2 Cases Wood Ware
- 6 Packages Rattan
- 1 Case Lead Seals and Wires

and

A QUANTITY OF SUNDRY GOODS

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE				SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
MONDAY 12 MAY.							
Banks							
...	...	\$1305	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	\$1315
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	\$270
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	\$271
...	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	\$28
...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	\$22
...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	\$22
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	\$70
...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...	10 ct.
Insurance							
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	\$22
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	\$22
...	Underwriters	...	...	...	\$1
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	C.D.
Shipping							
...	Douglases	...	...	...	\$117
...	Steamboats	...	...	...	\$7
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...	\$80
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	\$80
...	Shells	...	...	...	\$407
...	Waterboats	...	...	...	\$6
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	\$35
...	Freighters	...	...	...	\$4.90
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	\$14.90
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	\$24
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	\$24
Mining							
...	Kailans	...	...	...	12/8
...	Rauha	...	...	...	\$8
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	1/2 cts.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	\$2.85
...	H.K. Land	...	...	...	\$97
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	\$13.80
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	\$6.70
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	\$6.70
...	Humphreys	...	...	...	\$6
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
Cotton Mills							
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...	\$34
...	Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	\$200
...	Zhong Singa (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	\$125
Public Utilities							
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	\$15.80
...	Peak Trans (old)	...	...	...	\$74
...	Peak Trans (new)	...	...	...	\$32
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	\$50
...	Yamat Ferries	...	...	...	\$23
...	China Lights (O.)	...	...	...	\$5.70
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	\$1.30
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...	\$23
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	\$22
...	H.K. Electric (Rts.)	...	...	...	\$12
...	Macao Electric	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	\$12
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...	\$22
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...	\$8
Industrials							
...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...	...
...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S.	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Ice	...	...	...	\$1
...	Consolidated	...	...	...	\$16
...	H.K. Rope	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...	\$37
...	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	...	\$34
...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...	\$34
Miscellaneous							
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	\$17
...	Entertainments	...	...	...	\$8
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	\$1.65
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	\$1
...	Lane Crawfords	...	...	...	\$7
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	\$3.35
...	Sinceres	...	...	...	\$2.30
...	Watsons	...	...	...	\$8
...	Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.B.Ds	...	...	...	\$8
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	\$14
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...	\$8
...	Marsmans Inv. (Lon)	...	...	...	...
...	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wm. Powells	...	...	...	\$11
...	Lights Rts.	...	...	...	...
...	+Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...	...

FOREIGN BEGGAR PROBLEM IN SHANGHAI: DRUNKARDS AND DRUG ADDICTS

The foreign beggar problem in the Central district has been more or less satisfactorily solved, with foreign indigents being rarely seen in the area, which, but a few weeks ago, teemed with mendicants, notwithstanding the fact that numerous hostels in the city, established by the Salvation Army and Russian benevolent organisations, were willing to take care of them.

These mendicants, mostly Russian and gipsy, had been "working" in Nanking Road, the Bund and Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

MANY LETTERS

S.M.P. Headquarters received many letters about beggars in the Central district and went to work to clear the area. The first two to be given a home were two Russian women, frequently seen on Nanking Road near the Palace and Cathay Hotels, begging from office workers during the rush hours. These two were placed in a charity establishment in Yu Yuen Road.

The position with male beggars was far more complicated, since the majority of them preferred to beg rather than stay in hostels, while others were not acceptable to various hostels because of their passion for drinking and drugs.

NO NEED TO BEG

When the police started to clear the streets of these beggars, the Salvation Army and Russian officials were approached with a request to take these men in. An official of the Salvation Army stated that their hostel in Chaofoons Road had 53 beds for indigents, who were also supplied with two meals a day. The official stated that there was no need for men to beg in the streets and that these men, if their conduct was not too objectionable, could be accommodated in the hostel.

A Russian official said that they had two hostels for the poor, one at 222 Tongshan Road and the other at 588 Avenue du Roi Albert. These were full up. In addition to these two establishments, the Russians keep a dining hut in Rue Bourgeat, where about 50 persons are issued with free meals every day. About fifteen Russians are also housed by the Salvation Army, at the recommendation of the Russian Emigrants' Committee.

100 RUSSIAN BEGGARS

There are approximately 100 Russian beggars in Shanghai, but the difficulty is that the majority are drunkards and drug addicts. These two faults have closed the doors of hostels to them. Some of them have been known, however, to be "veterans" who refuse to go to hostels, preferring to earn their meagre living by begging.

Gipsy beggars originated locally in Wayside, where they were at first allowed to use a vacant garage. Gradually, however, they came into the Central district in large numbers. They have been rounded up by the police and none remain there now.

Very many of the Russian beggars are young men who have come here from Manchoukuo in hope of finding work. A youngster was recently brought to the station and proved to be an old offender. Asked why he did not go to work, he said that he knew no one in the city

STAMP TOPICS:

HONGKONG IN PHILATELIC LIMELIGHT: NEW ISSUE BY U.S. TREASURY DEPT.

Hongkong comes into the philatelic limelight this week on the arrival of a most attractive set of six pictorial stamps, each printed in two colours, writes Frank L. Wilson, in the Christian Science Monitor.

The stamps are well designed and each bears a portrait of H. M. King George VI in a crowned oval frame in addition to the stamp design.

A DESCRIPTION

Each stamp also bears the dates 1841-1941 indicating that the stamps commemorate the centenary of the ceding of the island to the British. The value of the stamps are in both English and Chinese.

The design of the 2c. value is in bright orange surrounded by a frame of brown, and it pictures a busy street scene. The 4c. value has a dark red border and purple design. The design pictures a modern liner in comparison with a Chinese junk, while in the background is a view of the harbour.

The 5c. value presents a view of the University at Hongkong printed in black with a border of bright green. The 15c. value shows a view of part of the city and in the distance a glimpse of the harbour. The design is in black and the frame in carmine. The 25c. value shows the modern Hongkong bank in brown, colour with a frame of deep blue. The \$1 value pictures a clipper ship under full sail, an old junk, and a modern seaplane.

STAMPS FROM OTHER LANDS

BRAZIL—A 800-reis stamp of the Hermes type in orange colour and a 20-reis stamp of the Aviation type in violet have been added to the current postal set.

FRANCE—A special stamp has been issued picturing Frederic Mistral, the eminent French poet. The value of the stamp is 1-franc and the colour a rich brownish red. Frederic Mistral whose works were written in the Provençal dialect of southern France and were instrumental in promoting the renaissance of that language as a literary medium, helped win for him, jointly with Jose Echegaray the Nobel prize in literature.

RUMANIA—Two new semi-postal stamps have been issued. A 7-lei plus 7-lei value stamp and a 15-lei plus 15-lei value stamp pictures of Vasilie Marin and Ion Mota, two youthful Iron Guards who were associated with Gornelli Zelea Codreanu in the disturbances leading to the German invasion of Rumania.

YUGOSLAVIA—The second philatelic Exhibition, to be held in the near future at Zagreb, is to have two special stamps issued in its honour. The values are to be 1.50-dinars plus 1.50-dinars and 4-dinars plus 3-dinars.

UNITED STATES

The Treasury Department has recently issued a complete new series of documentary revenue stamps in red and stock transfer stamps in bright green, on which are pictured 25 men who were prominent in the public life of the nation and were Secretaries of the Treasury under the first 16 Presidents of the United States. The revenues will be valid for tax purposes during the fiscal year to end on June 30.

WUHAN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Wang Hsin-kung, President of the National Wuhan University, is visiting in Chungking to confer with officials of the Ministry of Education on the matter of holding joint entrance examinations of the Wuhan, Central, Southwest Associated and Chekiang Universities for the next semester.

It is understood that a decision has been reached to hold the examinations at nine different places.

and was too young for the Russian Detachment.

Some of the beggars are violently inclined and there have been several cases when windows of downtown food shops and restaurants were broken by beggars, angered at being refused a meal. In all cases, the beggars said that they had done so because they were hungry. Jimmy's restaurant in Nanking Road had its window broken a while ago, but the presence of an Indian watchman has averted repetition of this.

Beggars, who are not shy of work, have found the Tongshan Road hostel, a good place to live. They are, however, asked to do their bit, and various jobs are taken on by the hostel ranging from repairs of toys to plumbing. There are about 60 indigents living at the hostel.

Price Level In Rural China

Despite the spectacular rise in the price level in most big cities in the interior, the prices of commodities in thousands of small towns and rural communities throughout Free China show only minor increases.

Rice price in most parts of interior China where the population is well scattered is low. The rice in Changsha is being stabilised by the government at \$15 a picul of 100 catties. On March 15, 1941, the Kihwa district food control committee was ordered by the Chekiang provincial government to approve a petition by the rice merchants to raise the price to \$25 a picul for ordinary rice and \$32 a picul for glutinous rice.

The Hupei provincial government on April 1, 1941, decided on a list of prices of daily commodities for the province. According to the prevailing market prices at that time, rice was sold at \$40 a picul, eggs at seven cents each, vegetables at 5 cents a catty, pork at \$1.10 a catty and chickens at \$1.20 a catty. The wage of a carpenter or stone-cutter was fixed at \$2 a day while the price for a uniform made to order was \$5 without lining and \$8 with lining.

SURVEYS MADE

For the past few years, the National Agricultural Research Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has made intensive surveys of farm production and rural conditions in different parts of China. According to its latest statistical returns from fifteen out of 86 places covering fourteen provinces in interior China, the purchasing power of farmers, based upon their income and expenditures over a period of eight years, show only a mild decrease in most rural communities in Free China since the war began. The purchas-

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...and know
what you're
drinking!



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NO INJURIOUS INGREDIENTS

EPIDEMIC CHIEF

Mr. Tan Fei-fan, Director of the Central Epidemic Prevention Bureau, arrived in Kwelyang from Chungking yesterday to inspect the epidemic prevention work in Kweichow province.

Dr. C. T. Wang, President of the National Red Cross Society of China, who arrived in Kwelyang on May 8 to inspect the Red Cross Medical Service and Kwelyang branch has left for Kwangsi en route to Hongkong. (Central News)

LUCE ENTERTAINED

Mr. Henry Luce, editor and publisher of the American magazines Time, Life and Fortune, and Mrs. Luce were entertained at dinner by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui.

Among the other guests invited were Dr. K. C. Wu, Mayor of Chungking, and Mrs. Wu, Mr. H. J. Timperley, well-known Australian journalist and former China correspondent of the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

Mr. Tuan Mu-lan, Director of the American Affairs Department of the Foreign Office, and Mr. Edward Bingshuay Lee, Secretary, were also present. (Central News)

Kansu, Hupei, Hunan and Kwangchow was lower in 1940, while that in Shensi, Szechwan and Kiangsi was steady. The purchasing ability of Sikang and Fukien farmers was marked by both increases and decreases. In a few places the farmers have been benefited by the rise in prices. In most places the farmers are not as adversely affected as people in the large cities. (Central News)

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
MAY 12, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 445	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 93 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/3	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 82 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 104	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, May 12.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward American Silver was unquoted.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

A small business was done at 24 7/8 for near delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 24 7/8, buyers at 24 1/2 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 456, buyers at 456 1/2. Subsequently business was done at 456 1/2, 456 1/4, 456 and 455 1/4. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 454 1/2, buyers at 455 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3/9 3/2 and closed steadier at 3/19/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 11/32 and closed steadier with sellers at 5 3/8 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Opened this afternoon with sellers at 451 1/2 with business done at 451 3/4. The market closed with sellers at 452 1/4, buyers at 452 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened this afternoon with sellers of Sterling at 3 5/16 and closed steadier at 3 21/64 U.S. Dollars closed with sellers at 5 23/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8	0/3-18/64
New York	5-3/16	5-3/16
Japan	22	22
India	17-1/4	17-1/4
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4	20-3/4

Sterling Sellers

	Spot	May	June
0/3-9/32	0/3-18/64	0/3-18/64	0/3-18/64
0/3-9/32	0/3-18/64	0/3-18/64	0/3-18/64
0/3-9/32	0/3-18/64	0/3-18/64	0/3-18/64

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	May	June
\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8	\$5-3/8	\$5-3/8
\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8	\$5-3/8	\$5-3/8
\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8	\$5-3/8	\$5-3/8

Market: Quiet but steady.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2 1/2.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 10, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	12.47	12.38	12.35	.07 up
New York Rubber, July	24.48	24.30	24.07	.48 up
Chicago Wheat, July	98 1/2	98 1/4	98 1/4	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, July	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, June	14.80	14.68	14.53	.22 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Change
May	12.35 N	.04 up
July	12.35/38	.07 up
October	12.50/52	.06 up
December	12.51/53	.13 up
January	12.50/50	.11 up
March	12.53/54	.11 up
Spot	12.59	.04 up

Total sales Friday:—218,900 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 16.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Change
May	23.97/97	.48 up
July (New contract)	23.50/50	.45 up
September ()	23.18/19	.47 up
December ()	22.85 N	.45 up

Total sales for the day:—1,080 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	98 1/2	98 1/4	98 1/4	1/2 off
July	98 1/2	98 1/4	98 1/4	1/2 off
September	97 7/8	97 7/8	97 7/8	1/2 off

Friday's sales:—18,329,00 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1/2 up
July	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1/2 up
September	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	unch.

NEW YORK HIDES

	14.53/53	14.75 N	.32 up
June	14.53/53	14.75 N	.32 up
September	14.69/70	14.94/94	.25 up

Total sales for the day:—174 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	7.94 N	Closed
September	7.94 N	Closed

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	2.50b/51a	2.50b/51a	unch.
May	2.50b/51a	2.50b/51a	unch.
July	2.53b/55a	2.53b/55a	unch.

Volume of business done:—77 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	82b/82a	84b/84a	.02 up
July	82b/82a	84b/84a	.02 up

Volume of business done:—137 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	11.55b/83a	11.55b/83a	unch.
July	11.55b/83a	11.55b/83a	unch.

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	10.47/450	10.60b/62a	.13 up
July	10.47/450	10.60b/62a	.13 up

NEW YORK LARD

	9.75/77	9.87b	.12 up
September	9.75/77	9.87b	.12 up

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	7.54b/58a	7.57b/58a	.03 up
September	7.54b/58a	7.57b/58a	.03 up

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver

	34-3/4	unquoted
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	unquoted

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 9.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan 3 1/2 (Red, after 1962)

103 1/2

Defence Loan 3% 101 1/2

Jantion-Kloun Rly. 5% 9

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 39

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Bonds 1925/47 38

Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908 40

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 20 1/2

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 28 1/2

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 7-9

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 48

4-nan Rly. 5% 12

Aukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 13

Aukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 11

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 9

S'hai-N'King Rly. 5% 14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 10

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 10

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 10

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 10

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 5

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 5

Chartered Bank 8 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 7 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) 7 1/2

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 12/6

Chosen Corporation 4/-

Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G" 11 1/2

Pekin Syndicate 1/-

S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 18/-

S'hai Waterworks "A" 15

Union Insurance 22

Gula Kalumpung Rubber 15/-

Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Rly. 12 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 11, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	5 1/2	Kennecott Copper	35
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	31 1/2
Allis Chalmers	27	Lockheed Aircraft	23 1/2
Amer. Can.	79	Loew's Inc.	29 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	38	Martin, Glen L.	28 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	5 3/8	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	12 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	12 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	18 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	National Supply Corp.	8 1/2
Amer. Sugar & Refining Co.	39 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	18 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	150 1/2	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68 1/2	North American Co.	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Anacosta Copper	26	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Atchafalaya, T. & S. Fe.	30 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	25
Baldwin Locomotive	14	Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Barnes Oil	9 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Bendix Aviation	35	Radio Corp. of Am.	15 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	71 1/2	Reading Company, Com	3 1/2
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	14	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
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Celanese	21 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	37 1/2	Southern Pacific	12 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	58 1/2	Southern Rly. \$5 pfd.	25 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	27	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	29 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	24	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Stand Gas & Elec.	3 1/2
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Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Technicolor	7 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	68	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	141	Trans-Alabama Co.	4 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Antilite	27 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Union Pacific	8 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	57 1/2	United Aircraft	39 1/2
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Int. Tel. & Tel.	21 1/2	Libby, McNeill & Libby	59
Johnsman	59		

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	1940/41	May 11, 1941.	Change
High	111.84	111.84	1.08 up
Low	111.84	111.84	1.08 up
Dow Jones Averages	32.67	32.67	.30 up
Industrials	32.67	32.67	.30 up
Rails	26.45	26.45	.10 up
Utilities	26.45	26.45	.10 up
Bonds	92.19	92.19	.12 up
Commodity Index	68.03	68.03	.08 up

Business Done:—380,000 shares

SPINAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK IN KWEILIN

KWEILIN, May 12 (Central)—An outbreak of spinal meningitis is reported in Kweilin. Victims have been sent to isolation hospitals while the health authorities are taking every measure to prevent the spread of disease.

The bubonic plague in Suikai, Luichow Peninsula, is spreading, according to reports. Twenty more inhabitants have died of the disease. Alarmed, many people are moving to the countryside to live in temporary makeshifts.

ALARMING SPREAD

The spread of the plague in Machenzu, near Suikai, has also

RECONSTRUCTION OF HUPEH

ENSHIH, May 12 (Central)—The Hupeh Provincial Government is organizing a committee to draw up comprehensive plans to build up a new Hupeh. It will be known as the Hupeh Reconstruction Planning Committee. General Chen Cheng, Chairman of the Hupeh Provincial Government, will be concurrently chairman of the committee.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

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for no comment beyond the fact that the balance is on the right side and the membership continues to grow. Extension of the demand by Governments of the world over for certificates of origin has led to a further increase in fees from this source of income.

This year our hard-working Secretary—the term is hackneyed, but I can think of nothing which more accurately describes Mr. Key—has done even more than the usual amount of work on Government behalf as, during the absence of the Hongkong Delegation at Delhi, his full-time services were lent to the War Supplies Board, and in recent months he has worked for several hours a week for the Food and Firewood Control Board. This, in turn, has thrown a great deal of extra work on the Assistant Secretary and, indeed, the whole staff. We are indebted to them for the many hours of extra time which they have had to put in to keep pace with the work involved.

I now move the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability any questions which members may desire to ask.

MR. H. R. STURT
Seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts, Mr. H. R. Sturt said:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—I am sure that we have all listened with great interest to our Chairman's concise and informative address.

I may say that we welcome the note of restrained optimism which characterises his remarks. We are fortunate so far in being removed from the worst aspects of the disastrous world upheaval, and our role would appear to be to make all possible preparations to meet any adverse contingency while doing our best to maintain with as much cheerful optimism as we can command the general prosperity of the Colony.

In view of the very serious shortage of shipping, which is evident to all of us, the figures relating to the general imports and exports of the Colony referred to by the Chairman are more encouraging than might have been expected.

FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE

A point of particular interest in the Chairman's address is, I think, his reference to the rapid proportionate growth of our more recently established local industries and the prospect of further improvement indicated by him as the result of the Delhi Conference. It is to be hoped that the "powers that be" will do all that is practicable to foster and encourage this side of our activities particularly as for the most part Empire materials are used in these industries.

In conclusion I should like to endorse the remarks made by the Chairman with regard to our hardworking and always courteous Secretary and staff, and I am sure you will be with me in expressing our grateful thanks to the Chairman and the Committee for the valuable and effective work done by them during the year, on our behalf.

I now have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

The Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

On the proposition of Mr. V. Sorby seconded by Mr. R. Young the following were elected the General Committee for the ensuing year: Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Kt., Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. R. D. Gillespie, Mr. W. H. Lock, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. K. S. Morrison.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. H. R. Hancock, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were elected Auditors.

On the proposition of Mr. A. H. Veltman, seconded by Mr. Wong Tat-kwong the election of the following new members was confirmed: Chan Haupo & Co., China Engineers, Ltd., P. B. Dhabher & Co., P. D. Golla & Co., Hariram Bros., Hongkong Match Factory, Hongkong United Trading Co., Java China Trading Co., Ltd., Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, Kian Gwan Co., (China), Ltd., Lebel Trading Co., Ltd., Marconi (China), Ltd., Mr. J. L. Robinson, U. Spallinger & Co., Talkoo Dockyard & Engineering Co., of Hongkong, Ltd., Wah Keong Rubber Manufactory.

THOSE PRESENT

The Chairman of the Chamber (Mr. J. K. Bousfield) presided, supported by the Vice-Chairman (the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell) and the following members of the General Committee:—The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Kt., Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. R. D. Gillespie, Mr. W. H. Lock, Mr. G. Miskin and Mr. K. S. Morrison.

The following individual members and firms were represented:—J. M. Alves & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. M. Alves); Arnhold Trading Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. C. Belbin); Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S. China) Ltd. (Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. S. L. Lloyd and Mr. R. Young); James H. Backhouse, Ltd. (Mr. H. S. Dinsdale); Butterfield & Swire (Mr. W. H. Lock and Mr. E. G. Price); Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd. (Mr. L. E. N. Ryan); Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China (Mr. W. H. E. Thomas); Chan Yue Teng (Mr. Ng Kam Man); China Underwriters (Mr. H. R. Sturt); S. J. David & Co. (Mr. G. V. T. Marshall); Deacon & Co., Ltd. (G. R. Ross); Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell); Fung Tang (Wong Tak-wong); General Electric Co. of China, Ltd. (Mr. H. C. Margrett); Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (Mr. L. J. Davies); Gillman & Coy Ltd. (Mr. G. Miskin); H.K. & China Gas Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. E. Stone); Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. V. Sorby); H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Kt.); H.K. & Shanghai Hotels (Mr. P. H. Suckling); John D. Hutchison & Co. (The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. P. S. Cassidy); Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd. (Mr. R. D. Gillespie); Indo-China S.N. Co. (Mr. C. Tod); Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (The Hon.

KOO APPOINTED AMBASSADOR

In a series of mandates, the National Government officially relieved Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the newly-appointed Foreign Minister, of his post as Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain, and announced the appointment of Dr. Wellington Koo, the incumbent Chinese Ambassador to France, as his successor.

The appointment of Dr. Wei Tao-min, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, as the new Chinese Ambassador to France, was also announced.

Mr. Wu Teh-hsin was relieved of his post as Section Chief of the Executive Yuan, and Mr. Chien Huan-chang named his successor.

The posthumous title of Lieutenant-General was conferred on the late Major-General Hsin Ching-chung.—(Central News).

Mr. J. J. Paterson; Java-China-Japan Line (Mr. A. H. Veltman); Johnson, Stokes & Master (Mr. G. N. Tinson); Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons (Mr. L. Kadoorie); Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, C.M.G.; MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (Mr. L. J. Davies); Malcolm & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. Malcolm); Mannes & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Hansen); Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. (Mr. D. Benson); National Bank of New York (Mr. S. S. Church); Reiss, Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Mr. K. S. Morrison); Alex. Ross & Co. (China) Ltd. (Mr. J. K. Ross); Shewan Tomes & Co. (Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields); Stewart Bros. (Mr. R. Hancock); M. P. Talati; Union Insurance Society of Canton (Mr. A. H. Cobb); Union Trading Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Dorabjee); Harry Wicking & Co. Ltd. (Mr. A. H. Mackenzie); Wong Tan & Co. (Mr. J. M. Tan).

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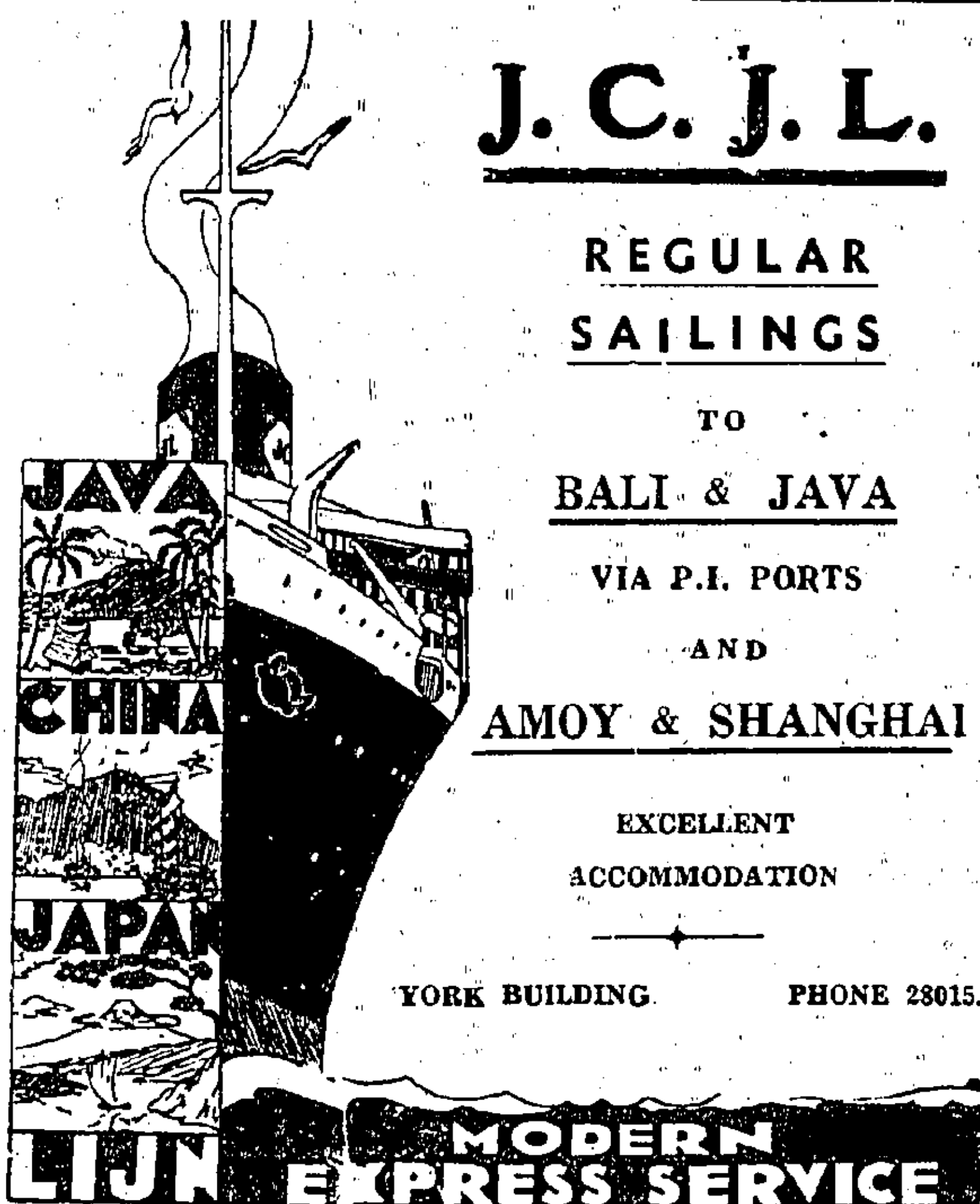
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LINGNAN "U" SENDS LETTER TO ROOSEVELT

Five hundred and nine students and Chinese faculty members of Lingnan University, American missionary institution moved to Hongkong from Canton following the fall of the city in 1938, addressed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in connexion with the national "China Week" campaign in the United States beginning on May 18, 1941, sponsored by leading Americans with a view to strengthening public opinion in support of the Aid-China policy.

The letter is in Chinese, written in a beautiful script on an artistic scroll by a well-known calligrapher, Mr. Kwei Naam-ping of Hongkong. The scroll has been sent to America by Clipper.

A translation of the letter follows:

May 6, 1941.

His Excellency Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America.

Dear Mr. President:

The people of China are greatly heartened by the news that leading Americans will conduct a national "China Week" in the United States beginning on May 18, 1941, with a view to strengthening the Aid-China policy.

Since Japan almost four years ago launched a large-scale war of aggression on China in violation of the Nine-Power Treaty our country has resisted against great odds in the conviction that it is fighting for justice and freedom as well as to defend democracy and human good.

Your Excellency and the people of the United States have from the start shown deep sympathy for the cause of China and have done what you could to check aggression and to give China moral and material aid.

Now further momentous steps are being taken to help China, inspired by your boundless understanding and sincere feeling. This is a most noble instance of human sympathy. Destruction of the forces for evil and the re-establishment of human justice will not only be a boon to China but also to the entire world.

In connection with "China Week" in the United States we wish to express to Your Excellency and the American people our sincere gratitude and our assurance that what you and your people do for us will live in the hearts of our people.

Respectfully yours,

The Students & Chinese Faculty Members of Lingnan University,
(509 signatures).

MURDER ATTEMPT

SHANGHAI, May 12 (Reuters)—An unsuccessful attempt was made shortly after noon today on the life of Mr. J. F. Fu, general manager of the Chung Hwai Bank.

One of his bodyguards was wounded. The gunman fired five shots and escaped.

J. F. Fu is a son of the late Mayor Fu Siao-en, who was murdered last year.

Mr. J. Rhame, general manager, China Electric Co., Ltd., has arrived in the Colony.

Mr. H. G. McNeary, manager, American Bank Note Co., has arrived in Hongkong.

Secret Society Revenue From Brothels—Police

An allegation that a certain secret society drew part of its revenue from brothels in Tan Quee Lan Street, was made by Mr. A. J. W. Hockenhill, who prosecuted in a case in which two women pleaded guilty to a charge of permitting their premises to be used as brothels, when they appeared before Mr. L. C. Goh, in the Third Police Court in Singapore.

Outlining the facts, Mr. Hockenhill said that when he conducted a raid on a house in Tan Quee Lan Street, just after midnight, last night, he found Koh Ah Ho, 28, and Tang Pong Yok, 32, two women, in bed with two men.

Both women admitted that they offered themselves for prostitution and had been given \$2 each by the men.

Continuing, Mr. Hockenhill said that although nothing was known against the women, Tan Quee Lan Street was under the influence of a certain secret society which drew part of its revenue from the brothels there.

"I found one of the office bearers of the society—a Straits born Chinese—in one of the houses playing mahjong," he said.

"In this particular area may be witnessed every evening the deplorable spectacle of prostitutes sitting out on chairs in front of their brothels by the roadside, a brazen attitude that points to the fact that they are not exploited females but independent units fully aware of what they are doing."

The magistrate sentenced both women, Koh Ah Ho and Tang Pong Yok, to three months' rigorous imprisonment each.

SPORTS MEET

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo speaking at the All-Schools Sports meeting at Caroline Hill stadium on Sunday.—(Sun Ying Ming).

JAPANESE TO OBSERVE JULY 7**Fourth Anniversary Of China War**

TOKYO, May 12 (Reuters)—With a view to stimulating the "whole nation to a renewed resolution to fight through the present emergency" Japan will observe the fourth anniversary of the China War on July 7, with elaborate ceremonies.

The entire programme, according to the Japanese Press, will be based on the spirit of imperial rescript issued on the first anniversary of the hostilities and all events will embody a gratitude towards the war dead, war wounded and the war bereaved.

The programme, as released by the Board of Information, includes the hoisting of national flags by all houses, private or official, a silent prayer at noon for "the successful execution of the China incident, martial fortune for those at the front and a peaceful rest for the war dead" and special commemorative issues by all newspapers and magazines.

PRAYER HOUR

The public throughout Japan will be notified of the prayer hour through sirens, radio drums or gongs and for one minute all traffic will be suspended.

In Tokyo, large-scale rites for the war dead and a commemoration meeting will be held under the auspices of the Board of Information.

The special commemorative programme will be given by the radio for a week, beginning on July 1, when lectures concerning the China War will be broadcast. Theatres and film houses will be asked to stage an entertainment of the related affair.

Government offices, schools and other public organisations will hold a meeting for an imperial rescript granted on the first anniversary of the affair. They will also stage events suitable to national solidarity, including national flag hoisting ceremonies, martial arts exhibition, consolation visits to the war bereaved families and the worshipping at the Shinto Shrines.

Air defence drills will be held during the anniversary week on dates to be defined later in their respective localities.

WAR-TIME BONDS SUBSCRIPTIONS CAMPAIGN

Subscriptions to China's war-time bonds will be pushed with great vigour in Hongkong following the arrival here of Mr. Huang Yen-pe, Secretary-General of the Chinese War-time Bonds Commission, Chungking.

In a reception to the Press at Cafe Windsor this afternoon, Mr. Huang in the course of a speech, expressed the belief that the subscription campaign in the Colony would bear fruitful results, judging by the unreserved enthusiasm displayed by the Chinese here in various patriotic activities in the past.

The war-time bonds in question are the N.C.\$1,200,000,000 Military Supply Bonds, floated by China last year. These bonds, bearing an annual interest of six per cent, payable every six months, are of five denominations, namely \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$100 and \$10. Amortisation will be started from the year 1942, for a period of 25 years.

The bonds can now be subscribed at various Chinese banks.

SONG HIT OF THE WAR

Biggest song hit of the second World War is the "Beer Barrel Polka."

Canadian soldiers sang it when debarked in England. Australian and New Zealand soldiers sang it when they filed down the gang-plank in the Middle East. English soldiers sang it as they slashed through the mud of France. And shelter-dwellers in London sing it while the bombs whistle down about them.

So far it's sold nearly a million copies—and it's still a good-seller.

Running a close second on England's "hit parade" is the American best-seller, "South of the Border," which, incidentally, was written by England's best song-writing team, Jimmy Kennedy and Michael Carr. That, too, has sold nearly a half-million copies.

Third place probably goes to "Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Good-Bye," with which Gracie Fields, the English comedienne now in the United States, sang her way into the hearts of the British army, navy and air force. Some 450,000 copies have been sold.

Carr, working alone, wrote the song that is in fourth place, "Somewhere in France," whose popularity waned after the British retreat to Dunkirk. That sold 400,000 copies.

LAST WAR

But none of the songs of this war approach the sales of England's hits of the last war. For instance, "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary" sold 5-million copies, "Roses of Picardy" 3-million copies, and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" over 1-million copies.

Publishers attribute the drop in sales of hit songs to the radio, on which a popular song today is literally "played to death" in about 13 weeks, whereas during the last war the average life of a hit song was two years.

Songs symbolising the universal hope for better days ahead are finding a ready market. One publisher commissioned Irving Berlin to write a song expressing this thought. Berlin produced "It's a Lovely Day Tomorrow," which sold 100,000 copies.

Others that have sold well include "It's a Hop, Hop, Happy Day" and "We'll Go Smiling Along."

Topical songs also have proved popular. For the air raid-harassed civilians, their "Good Night," whose words go:

"Please don't think me rude because I'm yawning,
But I have to get up in the morning.
Goodnight, Goodnight. Got your torchlight?
Yes. Got your gas-mask? Yes.
All right, all right,
Goodnight, Goodnight, Goodnight, Goodnight."

The death occurred on May 3, at his home 12 The Bund, Shanghai of Dr. William Ernest O'Hara, aged 62 years. A Requiem Mass was held on May 6, at the Church of Christ the King, 235 Rue Bourgeois, and was followed by interment at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 13th MAY, 1941.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H. K. \$2.00 per 1 oz. for letters and H. K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

Air Mail Service by British Overseas Airways to places west of Karachi (India) is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th May	14th May
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th May	20th May

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY	
	Wed. 14th K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
FRIDAY	
	Fri. 16th K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	
	Tue. 20th K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM

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